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Memo

To: El Paso First Providers
From: El Paso First Health Plans
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Update: HHSC Reactivates Mosquito Repellent Benefit for Zika Virus Prevention

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has reactivated the mosquito repellent benefit for Zika virus prevention for all programs previously covered by the benefit, including Fee for Service Texas Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care (MCO), Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Program, and the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Program. This also includes the Texas Standing Order for Medicaid and CHIP eligible individuals.

The benefit begins immediately and continues through December 31, 2016.

For more detailed guidance on Prescriber, Member and Pharmacy information please visit our website homepage at www.epfirst.com at the bottom click on Zika to find assistance for:

- **Prescriber Information** –how to prescribe mosquito repellent for Tx Medicaid clients unable to access a pharmacy operating under a standing order for the dispensing
- **Client Information** – provides member benefit and how to obtain and fill a Rx
- **Pharmacy Information** – provides benefit information and claims processing guidance

Because there is not a vaccine to prevent the disease or medicine to treat it, it is important for women to use repellent to protect themselves and unborn babies.

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact Provider Relations at 1-877-532-3778 x1507.