



MEMORANDUM

TO: Medicaid Providers

FROM: El Paso Health

DATE: November 1, 2022

RE: Change to Signature Requirement for Title XIX (Medicaid) Home Health Services

HHSC has recently adopted rules in alignment with 42 Code of Federal Regulations §440.70. Amendments to 1 Texas Administrative Code rules 354.1031, 354.1035, 354.1037, 354.1039, 354.1040, and 354.1043 bring Texas into compliance with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services CMS-5531-Interim Final Rule with Comment (IFC).

The adopted rules for home health services became effective on September 21, 2022. Signature requirements for Title XIX (Medicaid) Home Health Services have changed. Medicaid-enrolled physicians and allowed practitioners can now sign prior authorizations and order covered Medicaid Home Health Services including:

- skilled nursing
- home health aide services
- durable medical equipment and supplies
- adult physical and occupational therapy services

Allowed practitioners include:

- physician assistant (PA)
- advanced practice registered nurse who is licensed as a certified nurse practitioner (CNP)
- clinical nurse specialist (CNS).

Resources:

[eCFR :: 42 CFR 440.70 -- Home health services.](#)

[Federal Register :: Medicare and Medicaid Programs, Basic Health Program, and Exchanges; Additional Policy and Regulatory Revisions in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Delay of Certain Reporting Requirements for the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program](#)

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