



MEMORANDUM

TO: Valued Medicaid Providers

FROM: El Paso Health

DATE: December 17, 2020

RE: Healthy Texas Women Program Launches Enhanced Postpartum Care Services

Beginning September 1, HTW clients with a pregnancy in the past 12 months became eligible for these new postpartum care services for up to 12 months.

HTW Plus services focus on treating major health conditions recognized as contributing to maternal morbidity and mortality in Texas, including:

- Postpartum depression and other mental health conditions: services include individual, family and group psychotherapy services; and peer specialist services.
- Cardiovascular coronary, and asthma conditions: services include imaging studies; blood pressure monitoring; diabetes testing; and anticoagulant antiplatelet, antihypertensive, and asthma medications.
- Substance use disorders, including drug, alcohol and tobacco use: services include: screening, brief intervention and referral for treatment (SBIRT), outpatient substance use counseling, smoking cessation services, medication-assisted treatment (MAT), and peer specialist services.

Women whose Medicaid for Pregnant Women eligibility was extended due to the Public Health Emergency (PHE) will be tested for HTW eligibility, and eligible women will be automatically enrolled in HTW and eligible for HTW Plus services. If eligible, women will receive a letter from HHSC confirming their enrollment in HTW and eligibility for HTW Plus services. HTW recipients who have renewals due during the pandemic will continue to be eligible for HTW benefits throughout the PHE. Members will get a notice on the next steps to take to maintain their coverage after the PHE ends.

Providers who serve pregnant and postpartum members in Medicaid are encouraged to become HTW providers to improve continuity of care. HTW Plus information flier and resource links are provided to provide more information and guidance on HTW Services.

Resources:

Healthy Texas Women: www.healthytexaswomen.org

HTW Provider enrollment: www.tmhp.com/programs/htw

HTW questions email: HealthyTexasWomen@hhsc.state.tx.us