



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** EPH CHIP Providers

**FROM:** El Paso Health

**DATE:** March 28, 2023

**RE:** PHE Ends May 11, 2023/CHIP Co-Pays to Resume May 12, 2023

**The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has received notice that the COVID-19 federal public health emergency (PHE) declared January 31, 2020, will end on May 11, 2023.**

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) waived co-pays for Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) medical office visits. This waiver will end on May 11, 2023, except for mental health and substance use disorder outpatient office visits and COVID-19-related office visits for COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and treatment.

**For CHIP medical office visits scheduled on or after May 12, 2023, you may begin collecting co-pays.**

\*\*\*\*\*You may not charge co-pays for mental health and substance use disorder outpatient office visits\*\*\*\*\*

Co-pays have been permanently removed for mental health and substance use disorder outpatient office visits to comply with federal regulations.

CHIP co-pays that members must pay are determined based on their income. CHIP co-pays do not apply to Native Americans, Alaska Natives, CHIP Perinate and CHIP Perinatal newborn members.

If you have any questions regarding this communication please contact our Provider Relations team at 915-532-3778 or email us at [ProviderRelationsDG@elpasohealth.com](mailto:ProviderRelationsDG@elpasohealth.com)