

MEMORANDUM



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TO: Valued Providers
FROM: El Paso Health
DATE: 4/04/2025
RE: MMR Vaccine Recommendations in the Context of Local Outbreak

Background:

A [measles outbreak](#) is currently affecting six counties in the South Plains region of West Texas (Dawson, Gaines, Lynn, Martin, Terry, Yoakum). The Texas Department of State Health Services recommends MMR vaccination for that area as follows:

- **Infants (6-11 months):** Consider an early dose of MMR.
- **Adults (1 dose):** Administer a second dose if they've only had one.

Key Points:

- Texas Medicaid follows [ACIP guidelines](#), which recommend MMR for children aged 12 months and older.
- During an outbreak:
 - Infants aged 6–11 months should get 1 dose of MMR.
 - Unvaccinated individuals should receive 1 dose of MMR within 72 hours of exposure, followed by the second dose 28 days later.

Texas Medicaid Guidelines:

- **EPSDT Coverage:** Medicaid covers necessary treatments, including early MMR vaccination, for eligible children and adolescents under age 21.
- **Managed Care:** El Paso Health provides medically necessary services, including vaccinations, under Texas Health Steps in accordance with service limitations specified in the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, [Children's Services Handbook, Chapter 2](#).

Resources:

- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/news-alerts/measles-outbreak-case-definition>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7146a1.htm>
- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/news-alerts/measles-outbreak-2025>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/data-research/index.html>

For questions, please refer to the [Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual](#).

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