



MEMORANDUM

TO: Texas Health Steps Providers

FROM: El Paso Health

DATE: 07/01/2021

RE: Texas Health Steps Policy Changes – Developmental and Mental Health Screenings

Please review the important information below related to recent updates to Texas Health Steps Preventive Medical Checkups.

Changes to the Texas Health Steps (THSteps) Preventive Medical Checkups policy became effective June 1, 2021. Policy changes included the addition of the Survey of Well-being of Young Children (SWYC) as an approved developmental screening tool for children, and the Rapid Assessment for Adolescent Preventive Services (RAAPS) screening tool as an approved mental health screening tool for adolescents.

As a result of the policy changes the THSteps Periodicity Schedule as well as other important THSteps forms and provider tools have been updated.

Texas Health Steps (THSteps) Periodicity Schedule

The current Periodicity Schedule indicates a June 1, 2021 date.

The front side of the Periodicity Schedule (checkup ages birth through 10 years) now includes the Survey of Well-being of Young Children (SWYC) screening tool within the Developmental Surveillance column. The back side of the Periodicity Schedule (checkup ages 11 through 20 years) now includes the Rapid Assessment for Adolescent Preventive Services (RAAPS) screening tool within the Mental Health column. Minor changes were made to some webpage addresses and links.

SWYC and RAAPS Screening Tools

Links to the SWYC and RAAPS screening tools are available on the [Texas Health Steps Forms webpage](#). Information on developmental and mental health screenings is available on the [Texas Health Steps Checkup Components webpage](#) under Developmental Surveillance and Screening and Mental Health Screenings.

Child Health Record Forms

Age appropriate Child Health Record Forms have been updated to include the SWYC and RAAPS screening tools. The Child Health Record Forms are available on the [THSteps Catalog](#). Instructions for the Child Health Record



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Texas Health Steps Clinical Record Review Tools

The Texas Health Steps Clinical Record Review Tools as well as the instructions for the tools have been updated to include the SWYC and RAAPS screening tools. The tools are available on the [Texas Health Steps Medical Providers webpage](#) under Checkup Documentation Improvement.

Texas Health Steps Quick Reference Guide

The Texas Health Steps Quick Reference Guide was updated to include reference to the SWYC and RAAPS screening tools. Other minor edits were made to webpage addresses and links. The Quick Reference Guide is available on the TMHP website under the THSteps program

https://www.tmhp.com/sites/default/files/file-library/texas-health-steps/THSteps_QRG.pdf

Additional Information:

THSteps Provider Forms: <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/health-services-providers/texas-health-steps/forms>

Should you have any questions regarding medical checkup policy changes or if you have questions regarding the updated forms and provider tools, please contact the appropriate Texas Health Steps Provider Relations representative in your region. The name and contact information of provider relations representatives can be found at

<https://hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/doing-business-with-hhs/provider-portal/health-services-providers/thsteps/th-regional-contacts.pdf>

If you have questions regarding this correspondence please contact our Provider Relations Department for assistance at 1-915-532-3778 or toll free at 1-877-532-3778.