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Memo

To: Our Valued Providers
From: El Paso First Health Plans
Date: August 26, 2016
Re: Mosquito Repellent Products Added to the Texas Medicaid and CHIP Formularies

Beginning August 9, 2016, Texas Medicaid added mosquito repellent products to the Texas Medicaid and CHIP formularies. The repellent products were added as a result of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) informational bulletin that provides information on Medicaid benefits available for the prevention, detection, and response to the Zika virus.

The Texas Medicaid Medical Director has issued a *Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent* for use by pharmacies. **Eligible clients that use pharmacies that dispense mosquito repellent under this standing order will not require a prescription to be written by their healthcare provider.** The *Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent* is available for Texas Medicaid (FFS and MCO) and CHIP clients at participating pharmacies. These benefits apply to: Fee for Service Texas Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care, the Children with Special Healthcare Needs (CSHCN) Services Program, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), CHIP Perinatal, Healthy Texas Women, and the Family Planning program.

For more detailed guidance on Prescriber, Member and Pharmacy information please visit our website homepage at www.epfirst.com at the bottom click on Zika to find assistance for:

- **Prescriber Information** –how to prescribe mosquito repellent for TX Medicaid clients unable to access a pharmacy operating under a standing order for the dispensing
- **Client Information** – provides member benefit and how to obtain and fill a Rx
- **Pharmacy Information** – provides benefit information and claims processing guidance

Because there is not a vaccine to prevent the disease or medicine to treat it, it is important for women to use repellent to protect themselves and unborn babies.

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact Provider Relations at 1-877-532-3778 x1507.