Welcome Providers!

Ancillary Provider Specialty Training

March 24, 2016





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Provider Relations Updates: Federal Mandate Re-enrollment, Important Forms

Vianey Licon Provider Relations Representative



Extended Deadline

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced that the **previous March 24, 2016 deadline for Medicaid provider re-enrollment is extended to Sept. 25, 2016**. Though this extension gives states additional time to ensure providers comply with Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requirements, Texas Medicaid encourages all providers who have not yet submitted a reenrollment application to begin this process immediately to avoid potential payment disruptions.

Additional information will be announced in the coming weeks to assist providers who are working on the re-enrollment process.



Applications Received On or Before June 17, 2016

- To avoid potential disruption in payment, a complete re-enrollment application must be received on or before **June 17, 2016** in order to be revalidated by September 24, 2016.
- Complete applications that are received on or before June 17, 2016, will most likely complete the re-enrollment process by September 24, 2016.
- In the event that the re-enrollment process is not completed by September 24, 2016, and the provider is still working toward addressing identified deficiencies at that time, the provider will continue to remain enrolled in Texas Medicaid as long as the provider continues to respond to deficiency notifications within the defined timeframe for response.

 Providers should submit a re-enrollment application to the state or TMHP today.



Applications Received After June 17, 2016

- Texas Medicaid will normally process complete applications received on or after June 17, 2016; however, <u>Texas Medicaid cannot guarantee</u> that those applications will be completely processed by the September 24, 2016 deadline.
- If final approval on an application received after June 17, 2016 is not completed by September 24, 2016, the provider will be dis-enrolled from Texas Medicaid.
- Though these applications will continue to be processed, a gap in enrollment will exist between September 25, 2016, and the date the application is approved.
- Providers whose applications are denied will remain dis-enrolled with an effective date of September 25, 2016.
- Providers with a gap in Medicaid enrollment will not be eligible to receive reimbursement for claims with dates of service during the time the provider is not enrolled in Texas Medicaid.
- The effective date will not be retroactive to the date the provider was dis-enrolled.
- Additionally, dis-enrolled providers will not be eligible to participate in Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) or dental maintenance organizations (DMOs) during the dis-enrolled period.



Deadline Approaching: Avoid Medicaid Provider Disenrollment

- Interruption in reimbursement for Medicaid services the provider is not actively enrolled.
- **Denial of claims** for Medicaid services indicating that the provider is not actively enrolled.
- **Removal of managed care organization** (MCO) or dental maintenance organization (DMO) networks.

* Providers must be enrolled in Texas Medicaid before they can be contracted and credentialed by an MCO and DMO.



Programs Required to Re-enroll

 This re-enrollment requirement applies to providers who participate in Medicaid managed care, traditional fee-for-service Medicaid (each active TPI Suffix), the Texas Vendor Drug Program (VDP), and in long term care services administered through the Texas **Department of Aging and Disability Services** (DADS).



Additional Guidance

http://www.tmhp.com/Pages/Topics/ACA.aspx

Please review the following helpful information on:

<u>Affordable Care Act FAQs</u> - provides insight on questions regarding enrollment "e.g." **multiple TPIs**, Online Provider Enrollment Portal (PEP), time frames, risk factors and much more

- Provider Types Required to Pay Application Fee table displays which Medicaid and CSHCN Services Program provider types are required to pay the application fee upon initial enrollment, reenrollment, and enrollment of an additional practice location
- <u>Provider Enrollment Electronic Signature Instructions</u>
- <u>Quick Tips to Avoid Common Provider Enrollment Deficiencies</u> suggestions for a clean application submission and avoid delays for additional and missing information



Additional Guidance Cont.

- <u>TMHP Provider Re-enrollment page</u>
- Provider Enrollment Representative: 1-800-925-9126, Option 2
- TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center: 1-800-568-2413
- Email at <u>PE-Email@tmhp.com</u>



When to Contact Provider Relations

✓ Changes in address locations
 ✓ Billing company changes
 ✓ Bank account changes
 ✓ NPI/TPI updates
 ✓ Phone and fax updates, etc.

Any changes you consider we may need in order to update our system and your records



Demographic Form

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Health Plans, inc. Telephone: (915) 532-3778, Fax: (915) 225-6762

IMPORTANT: Completion of this form is not considered a binding contract with El Paso First. For more information on contract plans for participation please contact your Provider Relations Representative.

Demographic Information Form Please check off Specialty Type: Please Check off Health Plan Participation (Contract): Medicaid/Premier Plan HCO PCP Allied Health (PT,OT, ST, LPC) Specialist TPA (Preferred Admin) Ancillary (DME, Home Health, Facility) CHIP Perinate Group/Facility Name Group NPI: Group TPI: Group Tax-ID: Professional Category: Provider Name (Last, First, Middle) Other Individual TPI: Pending (in process) Individual NPI: Primary Specialty: Sub-Specialty: Medical License: If applicable EPSDT Number Languages Spoken: English Spanish Accepting New Patients Other Established Patients Only Practice Limitations: Male Only Female Only) Other Age Range Office Days/Hours: CLIA: Waiver Certificate Laboratory: 🗌 Yes No After Hours: **Provider Billing Information** W-9 must be submitted along with Demographic Information Form Official Business Name (as it appears on W-9/IRS Documentation) Doing Business As (if different from above) **this information must match Box #33 on claim form Billing Address, City State and Zip Code: Tax ID Number: **Primary Practice Location** Secondary Practice Location Address: Address City, Zip Code: City, Zip Code: Phone Number: Fax: Phone Number: Fax: Primary Contact Person: First and Last name Phone Number email address: For EP First Staff Only: W-9 NPPES TPI Look Up Provider Letter Other Verifications: PCP PCP/Specialist Specialist Ancillary Behavioral Health Hospitalist Provider Type:: Individual Group Attachment D Attachment B/C Attachment F Facility
 LOA Ancillary After Hours Contract Type: Provider Credentialed Yes No Not Required Credential Site Visit Yes No Not Required Credentialina Add: To Network To Group Program TERM: From Network From Group REASON: Actions: Effective Date: Participating Non-Participating Comments:

If there are any changes to report, please submit a demographic form.

IMPORTAN'

The information on the W-9 must match the provider billing information on the demographic form

EFT Form

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Provider/Group Name:	
NPI Number:	
Tax ID Number:	
Account/Savings Account (select on hereafter-called DEPOSITORY, and	inafter called El Paso First, to initiate credit entries to my (our) Checkin ne) indicated below at the depository financial institution named belo d to credit the same to such account. 1 (we) acknowledge that the (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.
Depository Name:	
Branch:	
City:	
State:	Zip code:
Account number:	
Routing number:	
This authorization is to remain in full	I force and effect until El Paso First has received written notification fro
me (or either of us) of its terminal	tion in such time and in such manner as to afford EI Paso First a
DEPOSITORY a reasonable opportun	nity to act on it.
Name(s):	
Title:	
Date:	
Signature:	
NOTE: CREDIT AUTHORIZATIO	NS MUST PROVIDE THAT THE RECEIVER MAY REVOKE TI
AUTHORIZATION ONLY BY NOT	TIFYING THE ORIGINATOR IN THE MANNER SPECIFIED IN TI
AUTHORIZATION.	

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ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK

EDI Form

L PASO FIRST healthplans, inc. Electron	nic Data Interchange Request Form
El Paso First Health Plans, Inc. offers Electronic Data Inter transaction set up requests.	rchange Interchange. Please indicate the specific EDI
270/271 Eigibility coverage or benefit inquiry/rest	Please fill out form and fax to Provider Relations
276/277 Claim slotus request/response	915-532-2877 or 915-225-6762
835 Remit Payment Advice (RAs)	Questions/Concerns call 915-532-3778 x1507
837 Professional Institutional Claims	
	NFORMATION (PLEASE INCLUDE W9)
Official Business Name:	Group/Practice Facility
Doing Business As:	
Billing Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Federal Tax ID:	
Contacts:	Phone:
Email:	
	RINFORMATION
Provider/Group Specialty:	
Primary Service Location:	Group NPI #:
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone: ()	FAX: ()
Secondary Service Location:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone: ()	FAX: ()
Third Service Location:	
Address:	
Phone: ()	FAX: ()
City, State, Zip:	•
Provider Name: (Last, First, Title)	Taxonomy No. NPI#
CLEARINGHOUSE INFORMATION (Clearing Hot	use Customer ID# through AVAILITY):
Clearinghouse:	Phone: ()
Billing Submitter No.	
Software Vendor Name:	Phone: ()
ANSI 5010: 🔲 Professional 🗌 Institutional	
Clearinghouse Name:	
Authorization	Statement Signature
Provider (enter provider/designated representative name)	hereby appoints (enter vendor
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Provider/Provider Representative Signature:	DATE
	plan to send/receive EDI transaction files.
Medicaid- El Paso First Premier Plan (STAR)	Availity PAYER ID# EPF02
CHIP – El Paso First	Availity PAYER ID# EPF03
CHIP Perinate	Availity PAYER ID# EPF03
EPCCS – Health Care Options – Benefit Plan	Availity PAYER ID# EPF37
Preferred Administrators (TPA) – UMC	Availity PAYER ID# EPF10
Preferred Administrators (TPA) – El Paso Childrens Hos	



Where to locate forms





Continued ...

Provider Forms

To search type and hit enter ...

Download our Provider Forms Below

Web Portal Forms	+
Health Services Forms	+
Complaints and Appeals Forms	+
Members Services Forms	+
Claims Forms	+

Credentialing Packet Forms

- DME Supplies Form
- Demographic Form
- W9 Form Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification
- · Credentialing Checklist for Organization/Facility
- · Credentialing Application for Organization
- · Initial Credentialing Checklist for Physician
- · Re-credentialing Checklist for Physician
- Texas Standardized Credentialing Application

Misc. Forms

WEB PORTAL LOGIN → PROVIDER MANUAL All you need to know about providing services to El Paso First members. Read More -> **PROVIDER DIRECTORIES & MEMBER** HANDBOOKS Provider Directories and Member Handbooks breakdown by Program. Read More > FIND A DOCTOR CHIP & STAR Provider Directory Search > PROVIDERS NEWSLETTER



Health Quarterly Newsletter Read More ->

Go to Credentialing

Packet Forms then click on Demographic Form

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DME Supply List

EL PASO FIRST Health Plans, inc.				<u>DME SUPPLIES FORM</u> : In order to better assist our providers and members to obtain their particular DME need please check off the DME items and services your agency is able to provide. If you have any questions please contact Provider Relations at 915-532-3778 press 4 and ext. 1507.				
Provider/Group Name:	Services							Mail
DME Supplies	Provided	l	s of Operation	After Hours	House Calls	Deliveries	Pick Up	Order
		M-F	8am-5pm	Answering Msg	•			
Apnea Monitors					•			
Bandages(wound care)					•	•		
Bathroom Equipment					•			
Breast Pumps					•	•		
Canes/Crutches					•			
CPAP/BiPAP Units/Supp					•			
Creams/Washes					•	•		
Decubitus Care						•		
Diabetic Supplies					•	•		
Enteral Supplies	•				•	•	•	
Hospital Beds	•				•	•		•
Incontinence Supplies					•			
Mattress Replacement Sys					•			
Needles/Syringes					•	•		
Nutritional Supplements					•	•		
Orthopedic Footwear								
Orthotic Devices					•	•		•
Ostomy Supplies								
Oxygen/Respiratory								
Spinal Stimulator								
TENS					-	-	_	
Traction/Trapeze	-				-			
Uterine Monitor								
Walkers								
Walkers Wheelchairs-Manual								0
Wheelchairs-Power								
Wheelchairs-Power Wheelchairs-Rental	_				-	_	-	_
Wheelchairs-Repairs					•			
Wheelchair Seating					•			
Urology Supplies					•			
Pharmacy					•	•		
Wound Vac Supplies					•			
Wound Care Supplies Other: Please indicate						•		



Contact Information

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Provider Relations Department 915-532-3778 ext. 1507



Therapy Updates

Gilda Rodriguez, RN Prior Authorization Nurse Coordinator



PT, ST and OT

- Effective May 1, 2016, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy Policy to Change for clients who are birth through 20 years of age.
- Effective May 1, 2016, Policy to Change for Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy Services for Clients 21 Years of Age and Older.



PT, ST, and OT Continued

- Effective May 1st, 2016 there will be changes to therapies.
- Go to <u>www.tmhp.com</u> for important Texas Medicaid Provider Updates.



PT, ST, and OT Continued

- El Paso First will not be using the new prior authorization form mentioned in the policy changes.
 - -The form is only for TMHP.
 - Please continue to submit your requests using the Prior Authorization Request Forms found on our website <u>www.EPFirst.com</u>.



El Paso First Appeals Process

- Requested services that result in denial or partial denial may go through the appeals process.
- Once a non-certification is issued, a fax indicating a denial or decrease in services will be sent.
- The physician will have 24 hours to request a Peer to Peer.



EP First Appeals Process Cont.

- Once the time frame for Peer to Peer has expired, you may file a Standard Appeal.
- You need to appeal within thirty (30) days from the date on the denial letter.
- Denial letter will include specific instructions on how and what information to include with your appeal.



EP First Appeals Process Cont.

- You will need to give us the following information:
 - 1. A letter letting us know the reason you want to appeal.
 - 2. A copy of the denial letter you received from El Paso First.
 - 3. Any new information that is relevant and you would like for our medical directors to consider.



EP First Appeals Process Cont.

- We will let you know in writing within five (5) days that we received your appeal.
- El Paso First will give your appeal to a doctor who has not looked at your request before.
- We will let you know as soon as possible of the outcome. It will not take more than thirty (30) days from when we received your appeal.



Health Services Contact Information

- Dolores Herrada
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- Edna Lerma Clinical Supervisor <u>elerma@epfirst.com</u>
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Claims Processing and Corrections

Yvonne Grenz PCU Supervisor



Claims Processing

- Timely filing deadline
 - \rightarrow 95 days from date of service
- Corrected claim deadline
 - \rightarrow 120 days from date of EOB
 - → Use the comments section of the corrected claim form and be specific
- Web portal claim entry
 - → List the authorization number in the header and in the service line
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Claim Correction – CMS 1500

ITEM NUMBER 22

22. BESUBMISSION CODE ORIGINAL REF. NO.

TITLE: Resubmission and/or Original Reference Number

INSTRUCTIONS: List the original reference number for resubmitted claims. Please refer to the most current instructions from the public or private payer regarding the use of this field (e.g., code).

When resubmitting a claim, enter the appropriate bill frequency code left justified in the left-hand side of the field.

- 7 Replacement of prior claim
- 8 Void/cancel of prior claim

This Item Number is not intended for use for original claim submissions.

DESCRIPTION: "Resubmission" means the code and original reference number assigned by the destination payer or receiver to indicate a previously submitted claim or encounter.

FIELD SPECIFICATION: This field allows for the entry of 11 characters in the Code area and 18 characters in the Original Ref. No. area.

EXAMPLE:



Note: If information is missing in this field, claim will not be considered a corrected claim



Claim Correction – CMS 1500

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19. ADDITIONAL CLAIM INFORMATION (Designated by NUCC)	20. OUTSIDE LAB? \$ CHARGES
	YES NO
21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Relate A-L to service line below (24E) ICD Ind	22. RESUBMISSION CODE ORIGINAL REF. NO.

- Box 19: Additional Claim Information
 - Provide a brief explanation of correction:
 - Correct Diagnosis
 - Correct NDC
 - Correct CPT Code etc...
- If your explanation exceeds the space provided in Box 19, you may attach the Corrected Claim Form to provide a more detailed explanation.

Claim Correction-UB04



Box 4 – Type of Bill Located on the upper right hand corner of claim

- Box 4 Type of Bill
 - When resubmitting a claim enter the appropriate bill type. Corrected bill type will end with numeric digit 7
 - Ex: xx7



Electronic Claims

- Claims are accepted from:
 - Availity
 - Trizetto Provider Solutions, LLC.
 (formerly Gateway EDI)
- Payer ID Numbers:

»STAR Medicaid ========EPF02 »El Paso First CHIP ==========EPF03

»Preferred Administrators UMC =====EPF10

- »Preferred Administrators EPCH =====EPF11
- »Healthcare Options=========EPF37



Contact Us

Provider Care Unit Extension Numbers:

915-532-3778

- 1527 Medicaid
- 1512 CHIP
- 1509 Preferred Administrators
- 1504 HCO



Appeals Process

Raquel Payan Compliance Supervisor


Appeals Process

- All Appeals must be submitted in writing
 - All appeals are acknowledged no later than five (5) business days
 - All appeals are resolved within thirty (30) calendar days
- Appeals must be received within 120 days from the notice of the denial
- Complaints or Appeals must include detailed and supporting information:
 - Corrected Claim
 - Copy of Remittance Advice
 - Medical records
 - Proof of Timely Filing
 - Provide attested letter TPI/NPI
- Appeals must be addressed to:

El Paso First Health Plans, Inc. Complaints and Appeals Unit 1145 Westmoreland El Paso, Texas 79925

Note: Member's must not be billed or balanced billed.



Contact Us

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Raquel Payan Compliance Supervisor 915-298-7198 ext. 1092



Contracting Overview

Evelin Lopez Contracting and Credentialing Manager



Contract Request

Please contact our Contracting Representatives when you wish to contract or add a provider to your group.

Contracting Department will require the following forms to begin the process :

- ✓ Demographic Form (forms located on website)
- ✓ W-9
- ✓ TPI (STAR Medicaid)
- ✓ NPI

Contracting Representative Sonia Fernandez 915-298-7198 x1130



Contracting Representative Gabriel De Los Santos 915-298-7198 x1128



Credentialing Coordinator Gabriela Macias 915-298-7198 x 1005



Credentialing Coordinator Thelma Miller 915-298-7198 x 1046





Contracting Process

- Verification of information provided on the Demographic form and W-9
 - ✓ Pay to name (W-9, NPI & TPI)
 - ✓ Desired participating Programs (STAR, CHIP, CHIP Perinatal, HCO, TPA)
- Contracting Packet will include:
 - ✓ 2 copies of an unsigned contract
 - Credentialing Application (if the provider is not credentialed, a credentialing application will be included in the packet)



Important things to Remember

- ✓ Make sure that all applications, forms and contracts are completed in their entirety.
- ✓ Make sure that your applications and contracts are signed before returning.
- ✓ Failure to complete and sign will cause your application or contract to be returned and cause a delay in the process.
- ✓ Network participation begins when you have received a copy of your executed agreement with the effective start date.
- ✓ If your Individual or Group TPI are pending, the provider will continue with a non-par status for STAR-Medicaid until received and contract is amended. (<u>no retro dates</u>)



Network Closed to Specialty

- Panel Status continues to be closed for STAR and CHIP programs for the following specialties:
 - > DME
 - ➤ Home Health
 - Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy
 - Laboratory Services
- The provider network specialties that have an adequate amount of qualified providers may be subject to being closed for an indefinite time period.
- The review process of closed panels is conducted annually.



Questions

Evelin Lopez Contracting and Credentialing Manager 915-298-7198 ext. 1014



Verifying Eligibility and The Medical Transportation Program

Edgar Martinez Director of Member Services



Verifying Eligibility

- Providers should verify Member eligibility prior to delivering services at each visit.
- Each Member approved for Medicaid benefits will receive a Your Texas Benefits Medicaid card and an El Paso First Premier Plan Identification Card.
- Each Member approved for CHIP benefits will receive an El Paso First CHIP Identification Card.
- The Texas Benefits Medicaid card and Member Identification card, does not always mean the Member has current Medicaid or CHIP coverage.



Verifying Eligibility

There are several ways to do verify eligibility:

- Swipe the Member's Your Texas Benefits Medicaid card through a standard magnetic card reader, if the Provider uses the required technology.
- Use TexMedConnect on the TMHP website at <u>www.tmhp.com</u>.
- El Paso First Web portal at <u>www.epfirst.com</u>
- Contacting El Paso First Member Services at 915-532-3778
- El Paso First HealthX automated eligibility fax verification 1-866-283-2792



Medical Transportation

- Transportation is available for medical appointments and health education classes.
- If a member needs a ride to a doctor's office, please call our Member Services Department at 915-532-3778 or 1-877-532-3778.
- Transportation must be requested at least 48 hours in advance.
- Transportation is available through bus tokens. Taxi cabs are available on a case by case basis.
- El Paso First does not reimburse members for mileage.
- El Paso First covers ambulance services in emergency situations for all members. Severely disabled members, whose condition requires ambulance services, will also be covered.



Medical Transportation

- Transportation is also available from the Medical Transportation Program (MTP).
- If a member needs a ride to a doctor's office, please call MTP at 1-877-633-8747 Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central Time.
- Transportation must be requested at least two days in advance.
- MTP also pays for members to have a friend, relative, or another individual give them a ride when the member doesn't have a car or gas money. MTP pays these drivers as Individual Contractors by the mile (at the rate set by legislature for state employees).



Thank You!

Edgar Martinez Director of Member Services 915-532-3778 ext. 1064

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Thank You for Attending Providers!





