

Medicare-Enrolled Speech-Language Pathologists May Apply to Enroll as Texas Medicaid Providers

Background:

Currently, speech-language pathologists (SLPs) may only enroll to provide services to clients in the Texas Health Steps-Comprehensive Care Program (CCP), which includes clients age 20 and younger. A new provider identifier has been created that will allow SLPs to provide services to clients of all ages, including those who are Medicare-Medicaid dual eligible.

Beginning May 1, 2020, SLPs that are Medicare-Enrolled may apply to enroll in Texas Medicaid through TMHP and be assigned the new provider identifier.

Key Details:

- SLPs assigned the new provider identifier will not be eligible to bill for services until June 1, 2020.
- The provider identifier will be associated with provider type 36.
- Once the SLP is enrolled under this new option, the new SLP provider identifier will be used for all future Medicaid claims for all clients.
- SLPs who are Medicare certified and currently enrolled as Comprehensive Care Providers will need to submit a new Medicaid enrollment application to obtain the new SLP provider identifier if they wish to provide services to clients outside of CCP.
- SLPs currently enrolled as Comprehensive Care Providers who do not wish to provide services to clients outside of CCP are not required to submit a new Medicaid enrollment application.
- SLPs are encouraged to enroll on TMHP's Provider Enrollment on the Portal.

Action:

MCOs must:

1. Ensure that eligible providers are aware of these changes and understand how to submit provider enrollment applications for Texas Medicaid through TMHP.
2. Be prepared to begin processing claims for these providers beginning June 1, 2020.

Additional Information:

Refer to the Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy Services Handbook of the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM) for information on speech therapy benefits.

Resources:

March 13th TMHP provider notification (Attached)

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Attachment: SLP Provider Notification.pdf

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