

Provider Network News

HHSC Does Not Cover Vaccines or Drugs That Do Not Have FDA Approval or Emergency Use Authorization

Key Details:

Texas Medicaid and CHIP do not cover vaccines or drugs that are not authorized or approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

HHSC will not cover procedure codes related to COVID-19 vaccine or drugs administration as non-risk payments (NRP) if the COVID-19 vaccines or drugs no longer have FDA approval or authorization. As referenced in the notice titled "Update on Reimbursement for Non-Risk Criteria for COVID-19 and CHIP Copay Waiver" published on June 8, 2023, the NRP COVID-19 reimbursement criteria had an end date of service of August 31, 2023.

For information on COVID-19 vaccines and treatments currently authorized by the FDA, providers can visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html#recommendations> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/treatments-for-severe-illness.html>.

Action:

PCHP will update our system and processes to reflect code updates and inform impacted providers in PCHP network about any code updates.

Resources:

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-changes-simplify-use-bivalent-mrna-covid-19-vaccines>

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-roundup-june-2-2023>

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-takes-action-updated-mrna-covid-19-vaccines-better-protect-against-currently-circulating>
