



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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**** Pharmacies May Dispense Limited Home Health Supplies (LHHS) ****

On November 12, 2012, a limited set of basic home health supplies will be added to the Vendor Drug Program (VDP) Formulary. Pharmacies will be reimbursed for filling prescriptions for some or all of these supplies for clients in the Medicaid, Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) and the Kidney Health Care (KHC) programs. The list of supplies can be found on the Limited Home Health Supplies (LHHS) page on the VDP website at www.txvendordrug.com/formulary/limited-hhsc.shtml.

Key Points:

- Pharmacies do not have to be enrolled as Durable Medical Equipment (DME) providers to submit claims for these supplies.
- LHHS claims do not count towards the client's three prescription limit in Fee-For-Service (FFS).
- LHHS claims for KHC will count towards the client's four prescription limit per month.
- If it is medically necessary for the prescribed quantity to exceed the maximum unit per fill, a pharmacy will be required to submit additional information for the claim to be accepted.
- Medicaid managed care plans have the ability to define preferred LHHS products. Please refer to the health plans for their requirements for these supplies.

The reimbursement rates and quantity guidelines for FFS will be based on current acute care policies (which do not include a dispensing fee or delivery fee) and can be found at www.tmhp.com/TMPPM/TMPPM_Living_Manual_Current/Vol2_Durable_Medical_Equipment_and_Supplies_Handbook.pdf. Please note that Medicaid managed care plans are not required to set their rates and quantity guidelines based on these policies.

Claims will be subject to post payment review to ensure that clients do not exceed the maximum quantities or duplicate billing between the acute care and pharmacy providers.

To provide LHHS services, pharmacies must be contracted with the VDP. Pharmacies wishing to provide LHHS services to Medicaid managed care clients must also be enrolled with the client's health plan.

For additional information on LHHS, including claim submission requirements, quantity limitations and reimbursement information, please visit www.txvendordrug.com/formulary/limited-hhs or call the Vendor Drug Program Pharmacy Resolution Help Desk, 1-800-435-4165.