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SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR MEDICAID HOME HEALTH SERVICES EFFECTIVE APRIL 22, 2023

Summary of Notification:

Under federal regulation, Medicaid-enrolled physicians and allowed practitioners can now sign prior authorizations and order covered Medicaid Home Health Services, including durable medical equipment and supplies.

An allowed practitioner is a physician assistant or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed as a certified nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist.

Key Details:

MCOs must update their procedures and train staff to process prior authorization requests following updated rules **no later than April 22, 2023**. MCO staff should also inform providers about this change.

HHSC adopted rules in alignment with 42 Code of Federal Regulations §440.70. Amendments to 1 Texas Administrative Code rules 354.1031, 354.1035, 354.1037, 354.1039, 354.1040, and 354.1043 bring Texas into compliance with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) CMS-5531-Interim Final Rule with Comment. The adopted rules for home health services are effective Sept. 21, 2022.

MCOs must complete the changes by updating their procedures and training staff to process prior authorization requests per updated rules 60 days from the date of this notice.

Additional Information:

TMHP published "[Change to Signature Requirements for Title XIX \(Medicaid\) Home Health Services](#)" on Oct. 19, 2022.