

NEW PROVIDER TYPE AND SPECIALTY FOR RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS EFFECTIVE JUNE 3, 2024

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BACKGROUND

Per [Rural Emergency Hospitals | CMS](#), this change is taking place to prevent the increasing number of rural hospitals from closing and to give rural clients better access to health care.

KEY DETAILS

MCOs must provide all medically necessary, Medicaid-covered services to Medicaid members who are enrolled in their MCO. Administrative procedures, such as prior authorization, precertification, referrals, and claims and encounter data filing, may differ from traditional Medicaid (fee-for-service) and from MCO to MCO. Providers should contact the member's specific MCO for details.

New benefits that are adopted by Texas Medicaid must complete the rate hearing process to receive a public comment on proposed Texas Medicaid reimbursement rates. Rates are pending until the HHSC rate hearing is held.

Effective June 3, 2024, a new provider type, rural emergency hospital (REH), as designated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), will be available for eligible REHs to bill outpatient services. REHs must be designated as such by CMS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The new REH provider type will be available in the Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS) to allow providers to complete new enrollment, revalidation, reenrollments, and existing enrollments for designated REH providers.