

Dear Provider,

**You may begin collecting CHIP COVID-19 co-pays on October 1, 2024.**

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) waived co-pays for COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and treatment for Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) members. This waiver will end on September 30, 2024.

For CHIP COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and treatment scheduled on or after **October 1, 2024**, you may begin collecting co-pays.

**You may not charge co-pays for mental health and substance use disorder outpatient office visits.**

Co-pays have been permanently removed for mental health and substance use disorder outpatient office visits to comply with federal regulations.

CHIP co-pays that members must pay are determined based on their income. CHIP co-pays do not apply to Native Americans, Alaska Natives, CHIP Perinate and CHIP Perinatal newborn members.

Providers must adhere to co-pay guidelines outlined in the MCO Provider Manual. If you have any questions, please contact our Provider Services line at 713-295-2295 or email us at [ProviderWebInquiries@CommunityHealthChoice.org](mailto:ProviderWebInquiries@CommunityHealthChoice.org).