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## PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS EXTENDED DUE TO 2025 TEXAS FLOODING

### SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATION

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is issuing this guidance to help ensure continuity of care during the 2025 Texas flooding response.

Prior authorizations (PAs) that require recertification and are set to expire between July 2, 2025, through Sept. 29, 2025 will be extended by 90 days. This will apply statewide and only at the request of members or providers impacted by the 2025 Texas flooding. This directive is to be implemented immediately to retroactively apply to July 2, 2025 through Sept. 29, 2025.

### KEY DETAILS

The extended authorizations must contain the same proportional amount and frequency as was authorized in the original authorization. This extension does not apply to current authorizations for one-time services, pharmacy PAs, or nursing facility services. For example, a single non-emergency ambulance trip would not be extended, but a recurring non-emergency ambulance authorization for dialysis would be extended. Requests for new PAs will not be subject to the 90-day extension.

This extension applies to all state plan services requiring recertification, including acute care and long-term services and supports such as personal assistance services, personal care services, Community First Choice, private duty nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapies, and day activity and health services.

Members and providers must include in the PA extension request that the need for the extension is a result of the 2025 Texas flooding.

It is expected that before reimbursement is requested, providers have obtained the appropriate required documentation. The services delivered may still be subject to retrospective review for medical necessity. Exceptions will be reviewed on a provider or recipient-specific basis and need.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A fee-for-service provider notice will also be released and will be available on the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) website.

### RESOURCES

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| Link: | TMHP homepage: <a href="https://www.tmhp.com/">https://www.tmhp.com/</a> |
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