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HOSPITAL BED POLICY LANGUAGE ONLY UPDATE

BACKGROUND

HHSC issues this Notice to inform of an update to the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM) Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, and Nutritional Products (DME) and Children's Services handbooks.

KEY DETAILS

On Jan. 1, 2026, HHSC will implement a language only update to the TMPPM DME and Children's Services hospital beds policies. This language only update, in addition to minor grammatical corrections, includes the following information:

- A standard bed typically sold as furniture may consist of a frame, box spring, and mattress, and is of fixed height, and has no head or leg elevation adjustments.

These types of beds *are not*:

- primarily medical in nature
- made with materials that can withstand frequent cleaning and disinfecting
- primarily used in the treatment of disease or injury
- considered Durable Medical Equipment (DME) by Texas Medicaid
- Beds which are primarily used for the purpose of safety are not a benefit of Texas Medicaid. These beds do not meet the definition of durable medical equipment as described by 42 CFR § 414.202

Updates will be effective Jan. 1, 2026 and can be found in the Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, and Nutritional Products Handbook of the [Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual](#).

RESOURCES

Policy or Operational Documents:	Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, and Nutritional Products Handbook will be updated effective January 1, 2026.
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QUESTIONS

For any questions regarding this notice, please contact your Community Provider Performance Manager (provider representative). E-mail: ProviderRelationsInquiries@CommunityHealthChoice.org