

Clarification of “Reimbursement Rate Change for PA, CNM, CNS, and NP Providers Enrolled as THSteps or Title XIX Family Planning Agency Providers”

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This is a clarification of an article titled “Reimbursement Rate Change for PA, CNM, CNS, and NP Providers Enrolled as THSteps or Title XIX Family Planning Agency Providers,” which was published on this website on November 15, 2013.

Rider 51(b)(24) of the 2014-2015 General Appropriations Act (Article II, Health and Human Services Commission S.B. 1, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session) directed HHSC to review reimbursement policies. As a result of that review, reimbursement policy for certain providers in the Texas Health Steps (THSteps) program was determined to be inconsistent with reimbursement rules in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Title 1, Part 15, Chapter 355.

The clarification is that there is no change to reimbursement rates; instead, technical changes are being made to payment systems to ensure that, effective January 1, 2014, services performed by physician assistants (PAs), certified nurse midwives (CNMs), clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) or nurse practitioners (NPs) enrolled as THSteps or Title XIX Family Planning Agency providers are reimbursed the lesser of billed charges or 92 percent of the reimbursement paid to a physician in accordance with reimbursement rules 355.8093 for PAs, §355.8161 for CNMs, and §355.8281 for CNSs and NPs.

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