

All MCOs & DMOs: COVID-19 MCO Notices Extension Updates

Background:

In response to COVID-19, HHSC has been posting MCO Notices to TexConnect with guidance that contains dates for which the guidance applies. Many dates on posted guidance are set to expire on September 30, 2022.

Key Details:

HHSC is updating MCO Notices with guidance dates that expire September 30, 2022, to extend **through October 31, 2022**.

The previously posted individual notices in TexConnect were updated to reflect the new extension dates.

See attached for a list of all the MCO Notices. If you do not see one of these notices posted in TexConnect, then it is not relevant to your health plan. The four tables of notices are:

MCO Notices Updated with Extensions Through October 31, 2022:

- These Medicaid and CHIP flexibilities have been extended through October 31, 2022. If the federal public health emergency ends sooner, HHSC will provide more information.

MCO Notices Updated with Extensions Through October 31, 2022:

- These Medicaid and CHIP flexibilities have been extended through October 31, 2022 to allow for further analysis of clinical appropriateness and cost-effectiveness and opportunity for stakeholder input.

MCO Notices with Flexibilities to End or That Have Ended

- This includes flexibilities that:
 - Are ending with the end of the PHE.
 - Have ended on May 31, 2022; April 30, 2022; March 31, 2022; February 28, 2022; January 31, 2022; December 31, 2021; July 31, 2020; October 23, 2020; November 30, 2020; December 31, 2020; May 10, 2021; June 30, 2021; July 31, 2021 and August 31, 2021.

Information on Other COVID-19 MCO Notices

- The notices in the table were not updated as the guidance either remains in effect until rescinded or the extension details remain the same. View these notices in TexConnect for flexibility details.

Resources:

Extensions - COVID MCO Notices Tables (Attached)

Contact:

All MCOs and MMPs: H.B. 4 Related COVID-19 MCO Notices Extension Updates

Background:

In response to COVID-19, HHSC has been posting MCO Notices to TexConnect with guidance that contains dates for which the guidance applies. Many dates on posted guidance are set to expire on September 30, 2022.

Key Details:

HHSC is updating MCO Notices related to teleservices analyzed under House Bill (H.B.) 4 with guidance dates that expire September 30, 2022 to extend through **October 31, 2022.**

The previously posted individual notices in TexConnect were updated to reflect the new extension date.

See attached for a list of all the MCO Notices impacted by these changes. If you do not see one of these notices posted in TexConnect, then it is not relevant to your health plan. The attached table includes three categories of notices:

MCO Notices with Guidance Issued and COVID Flexibility Ended

- This includes flexibilities that are ending or have ended because interim or permanent guidance has been released to transition to ongoing policy.

MCO Notices Updated with Extension through the End of the PHE

- These Medicaid and CHIP flexibilities will end effective with the end of the federal PHE. Updated notices have been posted to notify MCOs that this change will occur.

MCO Notices Updated with Extensions Through October 31, 2022:

- These Medicaid and CHIP flexibilities have been extended through October 31, 2022. If the federal public health emergency ends sooner, HHSC will provide more information.

Resources:

HB 4 Updated Table - September 2022 (Attached)

Contact: