



Parkland  
*Community Health Plan, Inc.*

Dear Provider:

Beginning September 1, 2007, Parkland Community Health Plan (PCHP) will comply with the recent state requirements regarding adjustments to the Medicaid fee schedule. Please note that there will now be fee schedules for “Under 21” and one for “21 & Over”. The changes to the fee schedule will be posted on the TMHP website at [www.tmhp.org](http://www.tmhp.org). These changes reflect a pass through of the funds allocated in the most recent Legislative session and are a part of an effort to increase the number of preventive healthcare services for Medicaid eligible children.

In addition, 11 court ordered corrective action plans (CAPs) have been developed and agreed to by the State to settle the Frew vs. Hawkins class action lawsuit. This class action suit was brought on behalf of Medicaid eligible children due to underutilization of preventive health care services. The CAPs address various issues related to adequate children’s access to providers of check-ups, specialty care, transportation, dentistry, and medical case management.

Texas Health Steps (THSteps) is the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment program for children under the age of 21 who are Medicaid recipients. Services in this program include comprehensive, age-appropriate assessments, dental, hearing & vision screenings, immunizations and lab tests as indicated in the periodicity schedule which is published in the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM).

Health plans are required to encourage members to schedule a complete THSteps exam within the first 90 days of enrollment in a managed care plan. Further, compliance with the periodicity schedule of preventive health services and exam completeness will be monitored more closely.

PCHP will be scheduling information sessions, in-office trainings and providing communication materials to educate providers on the CAPs over the next few months.

We are posting on our website at [www.parklandhmo.com](http://www.parklandhmo.com) an overview of all of these changes, including a summary of the CAPs. If you have further questions, please contact our PCHP Provider Relations team at 1-888-672-2277, option 2.

Sincerely,

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