

Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling Benefits to Change for Texas Medicaid on May 1, 2019

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Note: Texas Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) must provide all medically necessary, Medicaid-covered services to eligible clients. Administrative procedures such as prior authorization, pre-certification, referrals, and claims/encounter data filing may differ from traditional Medicaid (fee-for-service) and from MCO to MCO. Providers should contact the client's specific MCO for details.

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2019, smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling benefits will change for Texas Medicaid.

Overview of Benefit Changes

Changes to this benefit include the following:

- Expansion to include additional clients
- Additional payable diagnosis codes

Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling benefits will no longer be restricted to women with a diagnosis of pregnancy related complications due to tobacco use.

Effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2019, procedure codes 99406 and 99407 will become benefits for male and female clients ages 10 and older.

Additional Diagnosis Restrictions

In addition to the currently payable diagnosis codes for pregnancy complications, procedure codes 99406 and 99407 will be updated to include the following payable diagnosis codes:

New Payable Diagnosis Codes						
F17200	F17201	F17203	F17208	F17209	F17210	F17211
F17213	F17218	F17219	F17220	F17221	F17223	F17228
F17229	F17290	F17291	F17293	F17298	F17299	
Current Diagnosis Codes for Pregnancy Complications						
O99330	O99331	O99332	O99333	O99334	O99335	

Existing Limitations

Procedure codes 99406 and 99407 may be billed in any combination by the same or different provider and are limited to eight services per rolling year.

Additional services require documentation of medical necessity to exceed the established limit.

Procedure codes 99406 and 99407 are limited to once per day, same or different procedure code, any provider.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.