



December 28, 2020

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

RE: COVID-19 Authorization Extension Notice

HHSC is updating many MCO Notices with guidance dates that expire at the end of Dec. 31, 2020 to extend through the end of the public health emergency (PHE), January 21, 2021, or through January 31, 2021 if the federal PHE is extended.

Extensions are as follows:

- *Provider Re-credentialing:* Allow 60-day extension for MCO/DMO to complete re-credentialing activities. To align with extensions ending from the following accreditation organizations: Utilization Review Accreditation Commission ends on December 1, 2020; and the National Committee for Quality Assurance ends on December 31, 2020
 - These Medicaid and CHIP flexibilities have been extended through the end of the public health emergency (PHE), January 21, 2021, or through January 31, 2021 if the federal PHE is extended; including flexibilities that have ended July 31, 2020; October 23, 2020; November 30, 2020; and flexibilities that will end December 31, 2020.
 - Prior Authorizations are to be extended through the end of January 31, 2021.

Please note extensions may include upcoming months depending on direction from HHSC and the continuing Public Health Emergency.

Resources:

Information on Other COVID-19 MCO Notices

- These various notices were not updated as the guidance either remains in effect until rescinded or the extension details remain the same. Please view these notices in TexConnect for flexibility details.
 - <http://www.tmhp.com/topics/covid-19>

For additional questions about this notice, please contact our Provider Services Department at 1-877-653-0331, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time.