



INTERIM COMMISSIONER  
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To: All Providers

Subject: Information Letter 12-83  
Changes to the Medicaid Eligibility Service Authorization Verification (MESAV)  
Effective November 2, 2012

The purpose of this information letter is to inform providers of three changes that will be made to the MESAV effective November 2, 2012.

1) "Other Insurance Policies" Section

A new section "Other Insurance Policies" will be added to the MESAV. Insurance policies for Long Term Care (LTC) individuals will be displayed on the MESAV. [Refer to *DADS Information Letter No. 12-82 Status of Implementation of the Cost Avoidance Project* for more information on this topic].

The "Other Insurance Policies" section is applicable only to Nursing Facilities, Hospice, and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Related Condition (ICF/IID) Providers.

2) Eligibility Section

- Medicaid  
In addition to the coverage code currently available in the MESAV, a secondary coverage code to further define the individual's Medicaid eligibility type will be added.
- Medicare  
Medicare Part A and Part C eligibility will be added. Each eligibility line contains detailed information about the:
  - type of Medicare eligibility;
  - effective, termination, add dates; and
  - Medicare part C information.

3) Client Hold Date Field

While the Client Hold Date Field will be displayed on the MESAV effective November 2, 2012, the actual client hold process will not be implemented until the December release of the DADS Single Service Authorization System (SSAS) Project. Client holds are applied when an individual did not receive services for a designated period. Claims submitted during the client hold period will be rejected by the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP). The Client Hold Date Field will be blank on the MESAV, until full functionality is implemented in December 2012. The data included in this field will be for dates that have been determined to be non-billable, and therefore, not eligible for payment.

The screen fields are:

- Effective Date and End Date of the hold,
- Hold Reason Code and Hold Reason Description, and
- Service Group and Service Group Description.

A similar functionality is currently available in the DADS Client Assignment and Registration (CARE) System used by ICF/IID Providers. Until the Client Hold data is displayed in MESAV in December 2012, ICF/IID Providers should continue to monitor the DADS CARE System for data on client holds.

Providers should contact the TMHP Help Desk at 1-800-626-4117, option 1, with questions about these MESAV changes.

Sincerely,

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