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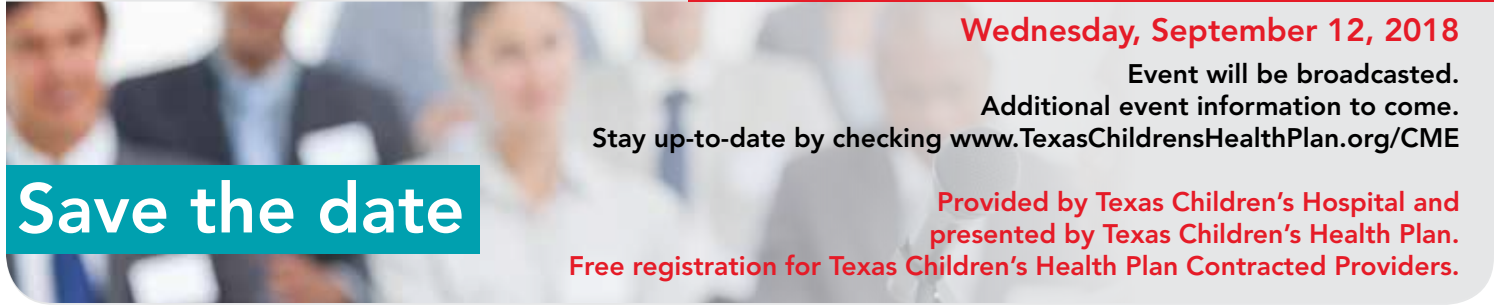
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Disparities in Care



Wednesday, September 12, 2018
 Event will be broadcasted.
 Additional event information to come.
 Stay up-to-date by checking www.TexasChildrensHealthPlan.org/CME

Save the date

Provided by Texas Children's Hospital and presented by Texas Children's Health Plan.
 Free registration for Texas Children's Health Plan Contracted Providers.

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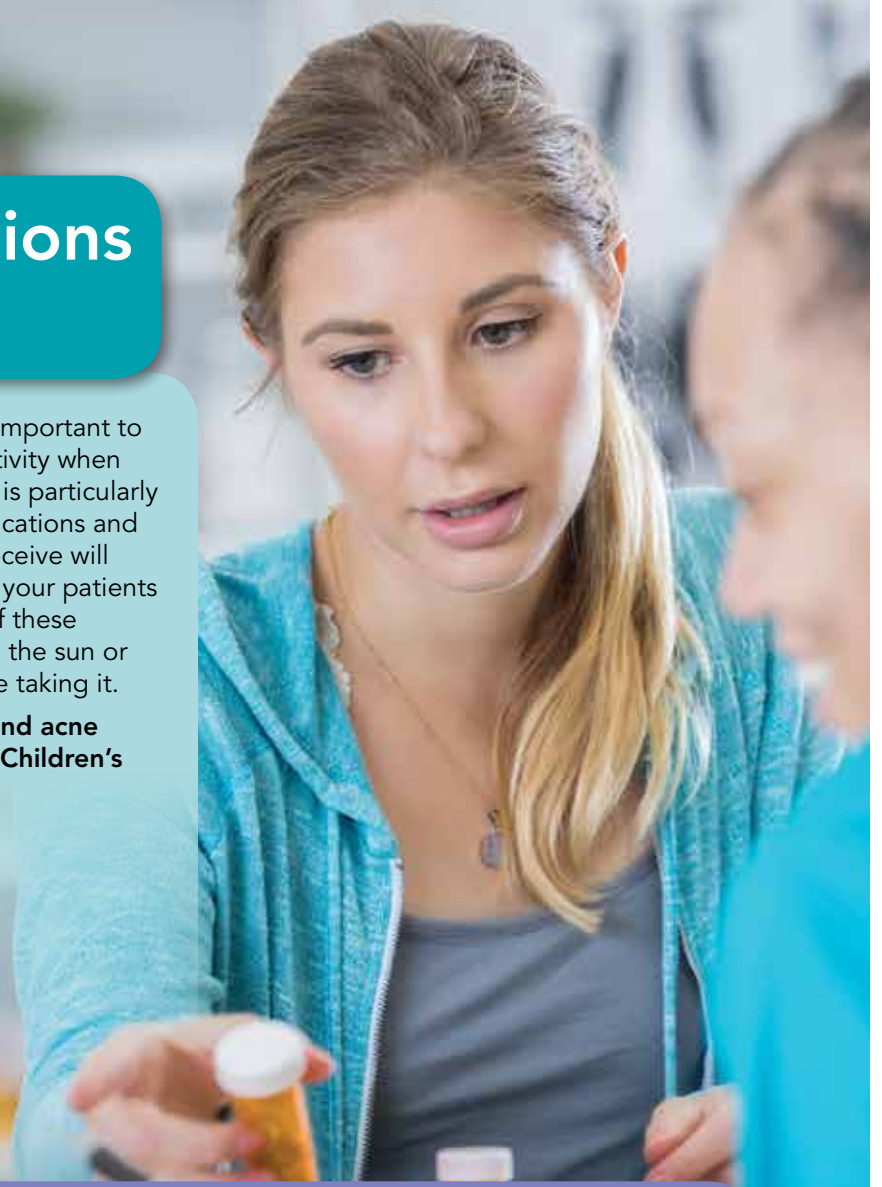


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Prescription medications and photosensitivity

Summertime means more time spent in the sun, so it is important to remind your patients of the risk of increased photosensitivity when taking certain prescription medications. Photosensitivity is particularly common in two classes of prescription drugs: acne medications and antibiotics. The prescription information your patients receive will warn them of the risk, but it is also key for you to advise your patients about this potential side effect. When prescribing one of these medications, recommend that your patients either avoid the sun or apply SPF 50+ sunscreen when exposed to the sun while taking it.

Refer to the chart below for prescription antibiotics and acne medications available to your patients through Texas Children's Health Plan.



Generic Name	Brand Name	FDA Indication
Adapalene	Differin	Acne
Ciprofloxacin	Cipro; Cipro XR	Antibiotic
Levofloxacin	Levaquin	Antibiotic
Minocycline	Coremino; Minocin; Solodyn; Ximino	Antibiotic
Promethazine	Phenadoz; Phenergan, Promethegan	Cough/cold/ allergy combinations
Sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim	Bactrim; Bactrim DS; Sumfatriam Pediatric	Antibiotic
Tetracycline		Antibiotic
Tretinoin (topical)	Atralin; Avita; Refissa; Renova; Retin-A, Tretin-X	Acne products



The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) is a non-profit organization that measures the quality of healthcare across large populations. NCQA does this through its Health Effectiveness and Data Set, also known as HEDIS. HEDIS measures are a set of evidence-based standards that Texas Children's Health Plan is committed to improving upon in order to provide the best care for our members.

Making changes across your patient population is easier than you think! In fact, you can become a **HEDIS HERO** simply by ensuring that your patients are scheduled to see you for well-child visits at the most important stages of their development.

Below are the types of well-child/adolescent visits that have been studied to improve the health and wellness of the population that you serve. They each correspond to a different HEDIS measure that Texas Children's Health Plan has identified for improvement. Become a HEDIS hero today by ensuring that all of your patients meet the following:

1. One documented well-child visit in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, AND 6th years of life for every patient.
2. One annual comprehensive well-child visit for each patient ages 12-21.
3. Counseling for nutrition and physical activity documented for all patients ages 3-17.
4. Six or more well-child visits for each patient documented in the first 15 months of life.

Mosquito repellent benefit for Zika virus prevention

The state of Texas covers select mosquito repellents for the prevention of Zika virus. The following describes how Texas Children's Health Plan members may access mosquito repellent through Medicaid and other state programs, and provides essential information for prescribers regarding the mosquito repellent benefit.

The following programs are covered:

Medicaid (FFS and MCO) and CHIP and CHIP Perinatal

The Texas Medicaid Medical Director has issued a *Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent* for use by pharmacies. Eligible members who use pharmacies that dispense mosquito repellent under this Standing Order will not require a prescription from their health care provider. The *Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent* is available for Texas Medicaid (FFS and MCO) and CHIP members, at a participating Medicaid-enrolled pharmacy.

Healthy Texas Women (HTW)

Eligible women in the HTW program may obtain mosquito repellent from a participating Medicaid-enrolled pharmacy, without a prescription.

Children with Special Health Care Needs Services Program (CSHCN)

Members in the CSHCN program require a prescription from their health care provider for the dispensing of mosquito repellent from a participating Medicaid-enrolled pharmacy.

Family Planning Program

Members in the Family Planning program may pick up mosquito repellent at a participating Family Planning Program clinic. Prescribers with questions may contact the Family Planning Program at FamPlan@hsc.state.tx.us.

Benefit Details:

Eligible members:

- Females ages 10-55 years and pregnant women of any age
- Males ages 14 years and older

Benefit limits:

- One (1) can/bottle of mosquito repellent per prescription fill, with one (1) additional refill allowed per member, per calendar month, year-round.

For more information on prescribing mosquito repellent, recommended prescription details, and additional resources on the Zika virus, check out the full article at TheCheckup.org/blog.



New vision services provider: Engolve Vision

Effective April 1, 2018, Engolve Vision will provide routine vision services for all members.

If you have any questions about vision benefits, please call Engolve Vision. The following toll-free numbers apply to both providers and members.

CHIP: 1-844-520-3711

STAR: 1-844-683-2305

STAR Kids: 1-844-212-7269



Preferred lab provider: Quest Diagnostics

As you know, Texas Children's Health Plan entered into an agreement with Quest Diagnostics to serve as our exclusive reference lab provider, effective January 1, 2015.

Per state regulations, laboratory specimens that are required to be sent to state laboratories for processing will continue to follow guidelines provided in the Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM).

If you do not currently have a relationship with Quest Diagnostics, you will be contacted by a Texas Children's Health Plan or Quest Diagnostics representative to discuss how to establish a relationship with Quest.

Providers have two options for accessing reference laboratory services:

1. Provider can collect specimens in office and Quest will pick up specimens for testing.
2. Texas Children's Health Plan members can be sent to Quest Patient Service Centers for specimen collection and testing.

Providers may continue to perform specific lab tests in their office and receive reimbursement from Texas Children's Health Plan. The list of Physician Office Lab Tests are reimbursable by Texas Children's Health Plan. All other lab tests must be referred to Quest Diagnostics or State of Texas Laboratories as required in TMPPM.

We sincerely appreciate the care and service you provide to our members. For questions or if you need the complete list of lab tests, please contact Provider Relations at 832-828-1008 or toll-free at 1-800-731-8527.

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