

**An Important Message from
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)**

Changes for Client Access to Mosquito Repellent Benefit Begin June 1

Background:

Effective May 31, 2022, HHSC will stop using the Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent.

Key Details:

HHSC has extended the effective date of the current Standing Order to May 31, 2022, to ensure Medicaid-enrolled providers have adequate notice regarding upcoming changes to the mosquito repellent benefit.

On May 31, 2022, HHSC will stop using the Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent to dispense mosquito repellent under the terms specified for people enrolled in Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Healthy Texas Women (HTW). Beginning June 1, 2022, pharmacies must obtain a prescription from a Medicaid-enrolled provider to dispense mosquito repellent products.

Pharmacies should not contact or fax Dr. Van Ramshorst, the physician signing the standing order, for refill requests or other reasons.

Additional Information:

MCOs must notify their providers regarding upcoming benefits changes before May 31, 2022.

Resources:

txvendordrug.com/formulary/mosquito-repellent-benefit

HHSC appreciates your time and participation.

Pharmacy staff may obtain a copy of the extended standing order by submitting a request via email to vdp-formulary@hhsc.state.tx.us.