** Texas to Issue Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent to Fight Zika **

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Pharmacists should reference the Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent for details related to operating under the Standing Order. See below for additional information and tools to assist with claims processing, including a prescription template for pharmacies.

Pharmacies may obtain a copy of the Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent upon request by email to vdp_formulary@hhsc.state.tx.us. Please include the pharmacy National Provider Identifier in the request.

A prescription from a valid healthcare provider is required for any pharmacy/pharmacist not operating under a standing order, for the dispensing of mosquito repellent to eligible Medicaid or CHIP individuals.

Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program
The Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent may not be used for individuals in the HTW program. A prescription is not required for individuals enrolled in the HTW program. The below information should be used to process claims for individuals in the Healthy Texas Women program.

- Provider name field: Zika, Zika (Last Name, First Name)
- Address: 4900 N. Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78751
- NPI: 1234568883
- License: 2126X

More information about the Zika virus pharmacy benefit, including the list of covered mosquito repellents, is available at the Vendor Drug Program website at TxVendorDrug.com/formulary/zika-virus-prevention.shtml.

Visit the Texas Vendor Drug Program online at TxVendorDrug.com
Free online provider training available at TxHealthSteps.com

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Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent

I, the undersigned Physician,

1. represent that I:
   a. am licensed to prescribe drugs in the State of Texas;
   b. practice medicine in the State of Texas; and
   c. am in good standing with the Texas Medical Board;
2. in compliance with Federal and State of Texas statutes and regulations, including the rules and regulations of the Texas Medical Board, Texas State Board of Pharmacy, including Texas statutes governing the practice of pharmacy and any rules and regulations promulgated under Texas law regulating the practice of pharmacy;
3. in association with pharmacists licensed in the State of Texas;
4. for the purpose obtaining Federal Financial Participation from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services; and
5. for the purpose of preventing disease transmission by mosquitos,

issue this Standing Order, authorizing pharmacists to dispense mosquito repellent.

Terms

The mosquito repellent may be dispensed using this Standing Order only under the following terms:

1. The mosquito repellent is dispensed by a Pharmacist licensed by and in good standing with the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.
2. The Pharmacist operating under this Standing Order has reviewed and understands all Terms in this Standing Order.
3. The mosquito repellent may be dispensed only for patients in the following programs:
   a. Texas Medicaid
   b. Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
   c. CHIP Perinate
4. The dispensed mosquito repellent is intended for the prevention of disease transmission by mosquitos.
5. The dispensed mosquito repellent must be a mosquito repellent listed on the Texas Medicaid/CHIP formulary.
6. A mosquito repellent dispensed to a child may contain no more than 30 percent N,N-Diethyl-meta-toluamide (DEET), 20 percent picaridin, 30 percent oil of lemon eucalyptus, or 20 percent IR3535.
7. The mosquito repellent may only be dispensed for females ages 10 to 45, or pregnant females of any age.
8. The pharmacist must note on the prescription label for the patient to "Use topically, as directed".
9. The prescription record for the dispensed mosquito repellent will be stored in the pharmacy dispensing system.
10. A copy of this Standing Order shall be maintained at the pharmacy during the term of the Standing Order.
11. This Standing Order may be terminated by the Physician at any time upon delivery of written notice to the pharmacy. This Standing Order shall remain in full effect for one year from the date signed, unless terminated by the Physician in writing, prior to one year from the signed date.
12. Any party that uses any of the physician's information below for any purpose other than for the dispensing of mosquito repellent under this Standing Order, shall be referred to the Inspector General for fraud.

This Standing Order is issued in my official capacity as the Medical Director for the Texas Health and Human Services system. In my judgment, and on the recommendation of the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, it is necessary and appropriate to make the above listed mosquito repellents as easily and widely available as possible to the populations for which they are indicated. Given the federal requirement that this Medicaid pharmacy benefit may only be accessed when prescribed by a health professional, this Standing Order will remove an administrative barrier to the access of this necessary product.

Physician:

 Effective this \textbf{12th} day of \textbf{August} 2015.

Rajendra C. Parikh, M.D., MBA, CPE
Physician Name (printed)

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\textbf{1255433876}
\textbf{National Provider Identifier (NPI)}
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Physician Name (signature)

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\textbf{8/12/15}
Date Signed
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Available Monday-Friday
Notice to Pharmacies: Mosquito Repellent Benefit

Texas now covers mosquito repellents for the prevention of Zika virus. The following notice describes claims processing, eligibility, and benefit information specific to the mosquito repellent benefit for the below programs. The last page of this document contains a prescription template for claims processing.

Covered programs:
- Medicaid (Managed Care, MCO; and fee-for-service, FFS)
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and CHIP-Perinate
- Healthy Texas Women

Medicaid and CHIP Clients:

**Use of a Standing Order for the Mosquito Repellent Benefit**
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Pharmacists should reference the *Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent* for details related to operating under the Standing Order. See below for additional information and tools to assist with claims processing, including a prescription template for pharmacies.

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* A prescription from a valid healthcare provider is required for any pharmacy/pharmacist not operating under a standing order, for the dispensing of mosquito repellent to Medicaid or CHIP clients.

Healthy Texas Women Clients:

* A prescription is not required for clients enrolled in the Healthy Texas Women program. The below information should be used to process claims for clients in the Healthy Texas Women program.

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  The *Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent* may not be used for clients in the Healthy Texas Women program.
Mosquito Repellent Benefit Description

Covered population:
  • Females ages 10 - 45 years
  • Pregnant females of any age

Quantity:
  • Coverage of mosquito repellents will be limited to two (2) can/bottles per calendar month: only one (1) can/bottle may be dispensed per fill, with one (1) optional refill available per calendar month
  • Mosquito repellent claims will not count against clients' monthly three (3) prescription limit. (FFS only).

Benefit duration:
  • The mosquito repellent benefit is available through October 31, 2016.
  • This allows for the dispensing of mosquito repellent only when the mosquitoes that carry the Zika virus are expected to be active.

Client responsibility
  • Approved claims for eligible Medicaid clients will be provided at no cost to the client.
  • CHIP clients may be subject to a copay depending upon family income. Any potential copays should not exceed the cost of the product.

Covered Products

Covered products have been selected based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and include the recommended amount of the active ingredient DEET or Picaridin. Please download the Zika Products Pharmacy Assistance Chart for a current list of covered mosquito repellents.

Claims Processing

Prescription details:
  • For the dispensing under Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent:
    o See the Mosquito Repellent Prescription Template below.
  • Pharmacies should process the claim per the prescription details if a written prescription is provided.

Reimbursement
  • The reimbursement to pharmacies will be the usual and customary price to the general public or up to a maximum of $6.50 per can/bottle of mosquito repellent (inclusive of product cost and dispensing fee); total calendar month maximum of $13.00.
  • These products will not be eligible for payment of a delivery fee or incentive fee.
  • Pharmacies will be required to submit their usual and customary cost for the items.
Product NDC submission
- UPCs have been converted to NDCs for submission of claims. This was accomplished by converting the 12 digit UPC to an 11 digit NDC. Please refer to the Covered Products table for NDCs for submission.
- Note: Mosquito repellent will be treated as a generic medication and pharmacies have the authority to fill the prescription with any covered product, unless the prescriber has stated, "Do not Substitute", to specify the active ingredient (not the manufacturer).

Unit of Measure
- Pharmacies should submit the NCPDP billing unit of measure standard when processing claims. For example, a 170 gram bottle should be submitted with a quantity of 170.

Days' Supply
- A can of repellent is expected to last 15 days or greater. Pharmacies are recommended to submit a 15 day supply.

Pregnant Females Less Than 10 or Greater Than 45 Years of Age
- For pregnant clients under the age of 10 or over the age of 45, the state or MCO may have to perform a manual claim override. For these clients, pharmacies should call the client's MCO provider line or the Pharmacy Benefits Access Help Desk (1-800-435-4165) for FFS clients.

Where can I find more information?
- Department of State Health Services: www.TexasZika.org
- Client program/eligibility verification: www.txvendordrug.com/about/downloads/client-eligibility.pdf
Texas Pharmacy Mosquito Repellent Order Processing Template

### Medicaid/Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Mosquito Repellent Template

Patient Name: _________________________                          Patient Date of Birth: ______________

Prescribed Product: Mosquito Repellent

Directions: Use topically, as directed per package labeling

Quantity: One (1)

Prescriber Name (Last, First): ___ Parikh M.D., Rajendra ___  
Prescriber NPI: __________1255433876__________

NOTE: This template is to be used only in the processing of claims for mosquito repellent for patients in Texas Medicaid and CHIP programs, under the Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent. Any unauthorized use of the above prescriber information shall be referred to the Inspector General as potential fraud.

### Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Mosquito Repellent Template

Patient Name: _________________________                          Patient Date of Birth: ______________

Prescribed Product: Mosquito Repellent

Directions: Use topically, as directed per package labeling

Quantity: One (1)

Prescriber Name (Last, First): __Zika, Zika___  
Prescriber NPI: ____1234568883__________

NOTE: This template is to be used only in the processing of claims for mosquito repellent for patients in the HTW program. Any unauthorized use of the above prescriber information shall be referred to the Inspector General as potential fraud.
Notice to Prescribers: Mosquito Repellent Benefit

Texas now covers select mosquito repellents under the Medicaid (fee-for-service and managed care), Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Healthy Texas Women programs. The Kidney Health Care program does not cover these products.

On June 1, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released an informational bulletin on Medicaid benefits available for the prevention, detection, and response to the Zika virus. The CMS bulletin allows state Medicaid programs to choose to cover mosquito repellents when prescribed by an authorized health professional and provided as a pharmacy benefit.

The Texas Medicaid Medical Director has issued a Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent for use by pharmacies. Eligible clients that use pharmacies that dispense mosquito repellent under this Standing Order will not require a prescription to be written by their healthcare provider. The Texas Medicaid Standing Order for Mosquito Repellent is available for Texas Medicaid (FFS and MCO) and CHIP clients, at participating pharmacies.

Eligible women in the Healthy Texas Women program may obtain mosquito repellent without a prescription.

The following information provides details about the Texas Medicaid mosquito repellent benefit, recommends how to prescribe mosquito repellent to Texas Medicaid clients as a prescription for clients without access to pharmacies using a standing order, and also contains general information about Zika virus. For information on Zika testing, please visit www.TexasZika.org/labs.

Benefit Details
Eligible Clients:
- Females aged 10-45 years and pregnant women of any age

Benefit Limits:
- 1 can/bottle of mosquito repellent per prescription fill, with one additional refill allowed per client, per calendar month through October 31, 2016

Programs Included:
- Medicaid (FFS and MCO), CHIP, CHIP-Perinate, Healthy Texas Women, Family Planning, and Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)

How to Prescribe Mosquito Repellent:
For clients unable to access a pharmacy operating under a standing order for the dispensing of mosquito repellent, prescribers are recommended to include the following details when prescribing mosquito repellent to help minimize requests for clarification from pharmacies, or request for refills for mosquito repellent within the current mosquito season.

Recommended prescription details:
- Drug Name: "Mosquito repellent"
- Mosquito repellent will be treated as a generic medication and pharmacies will have the authority to fill the prescription with any covered product.
- Please specify the active ingredient if your patient cannot tolerate both and note "Do not substitute"
- Directions: Use topically, as directed
- Quantity: 1 can/bottle
- Refills: 11
• It is recommended that prescribers send prescriptions to pharmacies via phone, fax, or electronic prescription to minimize office visits.
• Prescribers should not schedule office visits solely for clients to obtain a mosquito repellent prescription, unless medically necessary.
• Prescribers should consider offering mosquito repellent prescriptions to eligible clients at any pre-scheduled office visits to minimize follow up requests for mosquito repellents.
• Clients in the Healthy Texas Women programs do not require a standing order or prescription. Pharmacies have been provided with claims submission instructions for the Healthy Texas Women programs.

Covered products

Covered products have been selected based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and include the recommended amount of the active ingredient DEET or Picaridin. Please download the Zika Products Pharmacy Assistance Chart for a current list of covered mosquito repellents.

Other Benefits Available Through Texas Medicaid

The following benefits are covered under current Texas Medicaid and may be helpful to clients who contract the Zika virus:

• Family planning services
• Contraceptives, including long-acting reversible contraceptives
• Diagnostic testing
• Targeted case management
• Physical therapy
• Long term services and support
• Acetaminophen and oral electrolytes for Zika symptoms
• Potential coverage for additional ultrasounds for pregnant women

Zika Virus

Zika is a virus spread to people through infected mosquitoes. The virus can also be spread through sexual contact and from mother to fetus during pregnancy.

Most people infected with the virus have mild or no symptoms. Symptoms are usually mild and typically lasts a few days to a week. The most common symptoms of Zika virus are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). Symptoms may be mild and not last long, but the virus may stay in a person's system for weeks to months.

Avoidance of Zika virus is important in pregnant women or women planning to become pregnant. Infection during pregnancy can cause certain birth defects, including microcephaly.
Prevention of Zika virus

- Prevent mosquito bites
  - Use mosquito repellent, as directed on the can/bottle
  - Wear long sleeved shirts and long pants
  - Stay in places with air conditioning or window and door screens
  - Remove standing water around your home

- Pregnant women should not travel to areas with Zika virus

- Pregnant women who have a male partner who lives in or has traveled to an area with Zika virus, should not have sex, or should use condoms the right way, every time, during pregnancy.

Additional Resources

- [www.TexasZika.org](http://www.TexasZika.org) -- Texas Department of State Health Services site includes excellent, up-to-date resources for health care professionals and consumers. Informational materials may be ordered at no cost to providers.
- For information about testing for Zika, please see [TexasZika.org/labs.htm](http://TexasZika.org/labs.htm)
- [www.txVendorDrug.com](http://www.txVendorDrug.com) -- Texas Vendor Drug Program site for additional information about prescribing and dispensing mosquito repellent

Questions?

Prescribers with questions may contact the patient's MCO provider line. For patients in fee-for-service, prescribers may send questions to VDP_Formulary@hhsc.state.tx.us