

# Texas Health Steps (THSteps) Preventive Care Medical Checkup Benefit Criteria to Change for Texas Medicaid

Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2015, HHSC will implement benefit criteria changes for THSteps preventive care medical checkups for Texas Medicaid.

Diagnosis code V700 will be added as a payable diagnosis code for procedure codes 99385 and 99395.

As a reminder, THSteps preventive care medical checkups are not a benefit as a telemedicine or telehealth service.

## Screenings

### Autism Screening

The Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers, Revised with Follow-Up (M-CHAT R/F) may also be used to complete the required autism screening at 18 and 24 months of age.

### Dyslipidemia Screening

Additional testing may be completed based on an identified risk or at the provider's discretion.

### Mental Health Screening

Mental health screening using one of the following validated, standardized mental health screening tools recognized by THSteps is required once for all clients who are 12 through 18 years of age:

- Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC-35)
- Pediatric Symptom Checklist for Youth (Y-PSC)
- Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)
- Car, Relax, Alone, Forget, Family, and Trouble Checklist (CRAFTT)

Procedure code 99420 will be a benefit for clients who are 12 through 18 years of age when services are provided by THSteps medical and federally qualified health center providers in the office setting. Procedure code 99420 must be submitted for mental health screenings when one of the validated, standardized mental health screening tools recognized by THSteps is used.

Mental health screening at other checkups does not require the use of a validated, standardized mental health screening tool.

Procedure code 99420 must be submitted on the same date of service by the same provider as procedure code 99384, 99385, 99394, or 99395, and will be limited to once per lifetime.

### Newborn Screening

State-mandated newborn screening for critical congenital heart disease (CCHD) is offered by and performed in the birth facility in accordance with Health and Safety Code (HSC), Chapter 33, §§ 33.011, and the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 37, Subchapter E, §§ 37.75 - 37.79.

*Note: All new and updated procedure codes and their associated reimbursement rates are proposed benefits pending a rate hearing and approval of expenditures. Providers will be notified when the rates and expenditures are approved.*