

## Request for Information - Newborn Screening Due June 10, 2016

### **Background**

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Newborn Screening Program consists of testing, follow-up and clinical care coordination. All babies born in Texas are required to get a newborn screening blood test soon after birth for certain inheritable and other disorders. Early treatment can prevent serious complications such as growth problems, developmental delays, deafness or blindness, intellectual disability, seizures or even early death.

Clinician-directed (physician, NP, CNS, and PA) care coordination services are a benefit of the comprehensive care program (CCP) for eligible clients who are birth through 20 years of age and have special health needs. (See Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual Section 2.4). This benefit includes specialist or subspecialist telephone consultations.

### **Request**

HHSC requests that STAR MCOs provide responses to the questions below regarding the telephone consultation benefit by **June 10, 2016** to Daniela De Luna Olivares, Program Advisor, via email at [daniela.deluna@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:daniela.deluna@hhsc.state.tx.us) and copy your health plan management team.

1. What referral or prior authorization requirements do you have in place for this benefit? Please explain.
2. Can any provider bill for this service?
3. Are members who require this service identified as members with special health care needs?
4. Please provide the name, title, and contact information for staff that can answer additional questions related to newborn screening processes within your MCO.