

Update - Sterilization Consent Form

Effective September 1, 2016, changes will be made to the TMHP Sterilization Consent process. The changes will impact Texas Medicaid Title XIX family planning services, the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program, the Family Planning Program, and Expanded Primary Health Care (EPHC) providers.

The changes include the following:

- The Sterilization Consent Form and instructions have been updated to include field numbers and asterisks to indicate required fields.
- The first submission of the Sterilization Consent Form received by TMHP will be processed, and resubmissions of the form with corrections will not be processed.
- If deficiencies are found with the submitted Sterilization Consent Form, necessary corrections (if applicable) can be resubmitted to TMHP using the space provided on the Sterilization Consent Form Denial Letter that will be faxed to providers if deficiencies are found.
- Certain corrections to the Sterilization Consent Form will no longer be allowed, and the form will not be approved.
- For certain corrections, providers may be allowed three attempts to make the necessary corrections using the Denial Letter. If all requirements are not met upon the third attempt, the Sterilization Consent Form will not be approved.

Important: Beginning September 1, 2016, consent forms that have not yet been approved will begin to be processed according to these new requirements. Even if a consent form has been submitted multiple times on or before August 31, 2016, the first version of the form that is submitted on or after September 1, 2016, will be considered the official submission, and the provider will be afforded three attempts to correct any deficiencies.

For more information, please refer to the TMHP bulletin posted on July 15, 2016 on the following link: http://www.tmhp.com/Pages/Medicaid/Medicaid_home.aspx.