

All MCOs: Leveraging Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs) During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Background:

In response to COVID-19, LTCHs are an additional resource available to assist communities in meeting increased need for hospitalization.

Key Details:

There are approximately 50 LTCHs enrolled with Texas Medicaid. Until further notice, they may receive Medicaid reimbursement for covered hospital services. HHSC encourages MCOs to contact Medicaid-enrolled LTCHs located in their respective service areas to begin the contracting and credentialing process or to establish single case agreements.

For guidance on addressing needs of members approaching their inpatient hospital spell of illness limitation due to stays related to COVID-19, please refer to the MCO notices posted on June 4, 2020 titled:

- STAR+PLUS, MMP: Spell of Illness Limitation and COVID-19
- STAR Health MCO: COVID-19 – Spell of Illness Limitation in STAR Health

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