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Texas HIV Medication Program Major Updates

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THMP Updates

- Emergency Application Processes
- Emergency Medication Processes
- COVID-Response Emergency Staffing
- THMP New Medication System-Texas ADAP Medication Interface (TAMI)
- THMP Medications Check the MCF
- Changes in program staffing

THMP Emergency Application

- The Emergency Application started **March 13, 2020**:
 - 2-pages and for all applications types
 - Supporting documents are requested but not required
- Clients who do not recertify or complete the self-attestation will have their eligibility automatically extended to 12/31/2020
- Emergency application and guidance applies to both Ryan White Part B Care Services and THMP (expect automatic extensions)

Reminders for Emergency Applications

- Client's that have not been in contact with the program since February:
 - Will first be mailed another application as a reminder
 - Will be outreached by THMP via phone to complete an application over the phone
- The emergency application will be in place until December 31, 2020, however continued extensions depend if Texas is still in a state of emergency



THMP Medications-COVID Response

- Clients may continue to order up to 20 days before they run out of medication
- For 30-day fills THMP is still sending a two-month supply for most medications
- THMP also encourages clients to inquire if their pharmacy can deliver their medications
- If the client's pharmacy cannot deliver medications, clients can contact the program to request to move to mail order if they desire



Staffing-COVID Response

- Many staff are now WFH
- Faxes are now received electronically.
- Phones are still available.
- Program has daily morning meetings at 9:00 am
- Please contact through ARIES.



Texas ADAP Medication Interface

- Program staff are using TAMI starting 9/21/2020
- This is an improved database until the larger HRAR project is implemented.
- Please be patient as we learn the new system.



THMP Medications

Check the MCF



Why should you check the MCF for a patient not changing medications?

- The MAC now has a formulary subcommittee
- New medications are now available for mental health, cardiovascular, diabetes and other co-occurring issues.
- Many medications are now available as 90 day fills with provider authorization.

Changes in Staffing



- Laura Potter now Manager with the Health Communication and Community Engagement Group (HCCEG) with the section.
- Christine Salinas, THMP team lead, will be the acting Regional Manager in Laura's place.
- Please contact Christine or me with program questions.

Communication & Questions

Communication

- Preferred option – ARIES
- Limit phone calls
- Call ONLY if you cannot communicate using ARIES

Notes will be sent out after! 😊

