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**TO:** WIC Regional Directors  
WIC Local Agency Directors

**FROM:** Amanda Hovis, Director  
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**DATE:** August 9, 2016

**SUBJECT: Mosquito Repellent covered by Medicaid**

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Beginning August 9, 2016, Texas Medicaid will cover certain mosquito repellent products (see below for a list of covered repellents) as a Medicaid benefit for the prevention of Zika virus. Zika can cause severe birth defects in unborn children whose mothers are infected while pregnant. Because there is not a vaccine to prevent the disease or medicine to treat it, it is important for women to use repellent to protect themselves and unborn babies.

### **Who is covered?**

Texas Medicaid will cover the cost of mosquito repellent for women who are between the ages of 10 and 45 or pregnant women of any age. Women enrolled in the following programs are also eligible:

- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- CHIP-Perinate
- Healthy Texas Women

### **How to get repellent:**

Women with Medicaid should ask for a prescription for the mosquito repellent by contacting their healthcare provider. Ask the healthcare provider to send the prescription to their preferred pharmacy. Clients must present their Medicaid prescription card just like they would with any prescription. ***Clients should not request an office visit only to request a prescription for mosquito repellent unless required by the healthcare provider.***

Eligible women can get up to two cans of mosquito repellent per month through October 31, 2016.

Visit [www.TexasZika.org](http://www.TexasZika.org) for more information about Zika and Zika prevention.

If you have questions, contact Matt Harrington, Nutrition Education Coordinator, (512) 341-4515 or [matt.harrington@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:matt.harrington@dshs.texas.gov).

<b>List of Covered Repellents</b>		
<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Active Ingredient</b>	<b>Product UPC</b>
Repel Sportsmen Max 40% spray	DEET	011423003387
Repel Sportsmen Dry 25% spray	DEET	011423941337
Repel Sportsmen 25% spray	DEET	011423941375
Repel Hunter's 25% spray	DEET	011423941399
Off Deep Woods 25% spray	DEET	046500018428
Off Deep Woods Dry 25% spray	DEET	046500717642
Cutter Backwoods 25% spray	DEET	071121962805
Cutter Backwoods 25% spray	DEET	071121962836
Cutter Backwoods Dry 25% spray	DEET	071121964359
Natrapel 20% Spray	Picaridin	044224068781
Sawyer Insect Repellent 20% spray	Picaridin	050716005448