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To: Nursing Facility Providers
Community Services Providers
ICF/MR Providers
Therapy Providers

Subject: Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
New Third-Party Biller Requirement to Contract with HHSC
Information Letter No. 06-92

The 78th Texas Legislature enacted House Bill 2292, which required the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to work together to combat provider, third-party, and client fraud.

As a result, effective June 30, 2007, third-party billers must enter into a contract with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) before claims can be submitted to the Texas Medicaid HealthCare Partnership (TMHP) on behalf of any provider. Third-party billers are persons, businesses, or entities (excluding state agencies) that submit claims on behalf of a provider, but are not the provider or an employee of the provider.

Third-party billers will not be able to transmit any claims, unless the biller has enrolled with HHSC by June 30, 2007. Therefore, DADS is asking providers to prepare for this change by notifying their third-party billers of the importance of enrolling.

Enrollment for third-party billers will begin on February 11, 2007. The third-party biller will be required to create an account on the TMHP website at www.tmhp.com and complete the Third-Party Biller Application.

More detailed information about third-party biller enrollment will appear in the November 2006 *Long Term Care Provider Bulletin*, No. 28. Please note the May 2007 implementation date published in the November *Bulletin* has been revised to June 30, 2007.

Sincerely,

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