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Directed Payment Programs

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas's Directed Payment Programs (DPP) reimburse providers for certain services by utilizing the following payer types:

- Comprehensive Hospital Reimbursement Program (CHIRP)
- Texas Incentives for Physicians and Professional Services (TIPPS)
- Rural Access to Primary and Preventive Services (RAPPS)

Frequently asked Questions (FAQs):

Comprehensive Hospital Reimbursement Program (CHIRP)

What is CHIRP?

Effective September 1, 2021, the Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program (CHIRP) replaced the Uniform Hospital Rate Increase Program.

CHIRP is a statewide program that provides for increased Medicaid to qualifying hospitals for inpatient and outpatient services provided to persons with Medicaid.

For Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas this includes our members in STAR, CHIP, and STAR Kids.

Who Qualifies for CHIRP?

Qualifying hospitals include:



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- Children's Hospitals
- State Owned Hospitals (must not be an Institution for Mental Diseases – IMDs)
- Urban Hospitals
- Non-State Owned IMDs and State Owned IMDs

How are CHIRP funds paid?

Funds are paid through two components of the managed care capitation rates:

- **Component 1** – The UHRIP component provides a uniform rate increase payment that is based on a percentage of the Medicare gap.
- **Component 2** – The Average Commercial Incentive Award (ACIA) component is an optional component. This provides a uniform rate increase payment that is based on a percentage of the Average Commercial Reimbursement (ACR) gap less payments received under the UHRIP component. ACIA payments are capped at 90% of the total estimated ACR for the hospital class.

Texas Incentives for Physicians and Professional Services

What is TIPPS?

The Texas Incentives for Physicians and Professional Services (TIPPS) program provides increased payments to certain physician groups providing health care services to BCBSTX Medicaid members (STAR, CHIP, and STAR Kids).



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Which providers are eligible for TIPPS?

The following types of providers are eligible:

- Health-related institution physician groups
- Physician groups affiliated with hospitals that receive indirect medical education funds
- And other physician groups.

How are TIPPS funds paid?

Funds are paid through three components of the managed care capitation rates:

- **Component 1** – Is equal to 65% of the total program value and provides a uniform dollar increase paid monthly. Please note – Only health related institutions and indirect medical education physician groups are eligible to receive TIPPs.
- **Component 2** – Is equal to 25% of the total program value and provides a uniform rate increase paid semi-annually. Only health-related institutions and indirect medical education physician groups are eligible.
- **Component 3** – Is equal to 10% of the total program value and provides a uniform rate increase for applicable outpatient services and paid at the time of claim adjudications. All participating physician groups are eligible.



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Rural Access to Primary and Preventive Services (RAPPS)

What is RAPPS?

The Rural Access to Primary and Preventive Services (RAPPS) program provides increased payments to Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) that provide primary care and Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) to BCBSTX Medicaid members (STAR, CHIP, STAR Kids) in rural areas of the state.

Who qualifies for RAPPS?

Only Hospital-based RHCs. This includes non-state government owned and private RHCs. In addition, free standing RHCs qualify for RAPPS.

How are RAPPS funds paid?

Funds are paid through two components of the managed care capitation rates:

- **Component 1** – Is equal to 75% of the total program value and provides a uniform dollar increased paid monthly that is based on RHC class.
- **Component 2** – Is equal to 25% of the total program value and provides a uniform rate increase on applicable services.



How will payments be retroactively processed?

BCBSTX will reprocess the original payment to pay the corrected amount.

Is there a specific remit code for these payments?

Yes. Here are the following remit codes:

Provider Remittance Advice													
36) Servicing Provider Name: XXXXXXXXXXXX 37) (XXXXXXXXXX)						11) Payee Name: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX (XXXXXXXXXX)							
38) Servicing Provider NPI: 999999999999													
Patient and Services Information													
39) Account Number 999999			40) Subscriber # 999999999			41) Plan Name: Blue Cross Blue Shield Texas							
Patient Name 42) Last Name, 43) First Name				35) Claim Id 999999999999									
Dates of Service	0) Proc/Re Code	59) mm/dd/yy	61) Amount Billed	62) Amount Allowed	63) Adjusted	64) Primary Payor Pmt	Patient Responsibility				Interest Owed	69) Plan Payment	70) 71) 72) Remarks
							55) Co Pay	66) Co Ins	77) Ded Am	68) Non C			
mm/dd/yy	59) mm/dd/yy	xxxxxx	999.99	999.99	999.99	9.99	9.99	9.99	9.99	9.99	9.99	999.99	xxx
Claim totals: 999999999999			999.99	999.99	999.99	9.99	9.99	9.99	9.99	9.99	999.99		
*-This is an adjustment of Claim Number: 73) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, which was previously paid for 76) \$999.99 on 75) mm/dd/yy, with check # 74) 999999. Overpayments are explained in greater detail at the end of this Remittance.										53) Current Payment Amount:		\$999.99	
										54) Provider Withhold Amount:		\$9.99	
										55) Prior Paid Amount: 56) Net Payment Amount:		\$9.99	
												\$999.99	
*-This claim includes:													
Pre-Reduction/Incentive: \$999.99													
PPR Reduction (1%): \$-9.99													
PPC Reduction (1%): \$-9.99.													
CHIRP Incentive (1): \$9.99.													
TIPPS Increase: \$999,999.99													
RAPPS Increase: \$999,999.99													

Is interest applied for payments not paid timely?

No. Pass through payments are not subject to penalties or interest.

Where can I find payment rates?

CHIRP, rates can be found at HHS "Provider Finance Department" webpage, found [here](#).



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