

# Claims Clarification: Early Childhood Intervention – Targeted Case Management and Specialized Skills Training



UnitedHealthcare Community Plan in Texas is sharing this information from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission so you know what the state requires when billing for services and can better understand Texas Medicaid procedures. Here's what's needed when submitting claims.

Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) is a statewide program within the Texas Health and Human Services Commission that provides services for families with children from birth through age 35 months who have developmental delays, disabilities or certain medical diagnoses that may impact their development. Please follow these guidelines when submitting claims for ECI services:

## Targeted Case Management Services

Targeted Case Management (TCM) is a covered benefit for children who are Medicaid members and who are enrolled in the ECI program. TCM service coordinators help families gain access to the services, resources and supports they're entitled to under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA).

TCM services do not require prior authorization. You can bill for TCM services using procedure code **T1017**. If services are provided in person, use a **U1 modifier**. For services provided over the phone, bill **without** the modifier. Medicaid claims for TCM services should be sent to the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership for payment using the process outlined in the [Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual \(TMPPM\)](#). Please note that TCM is not a covered benefit for CHIP members.

## Specialized Skills Training Services

Specialized Skills Training (SST) is another covered benefit for children who are Medicaid members and who are enrolled in the ECI program. SST supports development across domains with an emphasis on strengthening cognitive skills, positive behaviors and social interactions.

SST services do not require prior authorization. You can bill for SST services using procedure code **T1027**. If services are provided in an individual setting, use a **U1 modifier**. For services provided in a group setting, bill **without** the modifier. Medicaid claims for SST services should be sent to the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership for payment. Please note that SST is not a covered benefit for CHIP members.

## Claims for TCM and SST Services

We're reviewing paid claims for TCM and SST services for the past year. Please note that payment errors may have occurred related to claims for TCM and SST. We'll contact you if we determine that we paid any of these claims in error and need to recover funds.

## We're Here to Help

For more information about Texas Medicaid care provider procedures, go to [tmhp.com](http://tmhp.com) > Providers > Medicaid Provider Manual > [Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual](#). If you have questions, please contact your Provider Advocate or call Customer Service at **888-887-9003**, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday. Thank you.

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