

## Mosquito repellent is now available as a Medicaid benefit!

Beginning August 9, 2016, Texas Medicaid will cover certain mosquito repellent products 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?

- Women ages 10-45 and Pregnant women of any age in the following programs:
  - Medicaid
  - Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
  - CHIP-Perinate
  - Healthy Texas Women

### Benefit details:

- A prescription is required, as with over-the-counter medications.
- One can/bottle of mosquito repellent is permitted per prescription fill, with one refill allowed per calendar month.\*
- This benefit ends on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
- **Prescriptions for mosquito repellent will not count against the monthly 3 prescription limit for those clients with a monthly limit.**
- Repellent will be provided at no cost to Medicaid clients.
- CHIP members may pay the generic copay or less, if the cost of the repellent is less than the copay.

### How to get repellent:

- Contact your favorite pharmacy to make sure they are participating in this benefit. To find your pharmacy's phone number, you may use the Provider Lookup feature on our website: [www.txvendordrug.com](http://www.txvendordrug.com). If you are enrolled in an MCO, please refer to that MCO's website, or call the Member Services number on the back of your Member ID card.
- Ask for a prescription for the mosquito repellent by contacting your healthcare provider, and then ask them to send it to your pharmacy
  - Your provider can send a prescription to your pharmacy via phone, fax, or e-prescription
  - ***Do not request an office visit only to request a prescription for mosquito repellent unless required by the healthcare provider***
- Have this prescription filled at your pharmacy.

### Where can I find more information about Zika and Zika prevention?

- Department of State Health Services: [www.TexasZika.org](http://www.TexasZika.org) and [www.TexasZika.org/prevention](http://www.TexasZika.org/prevention)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [www.cdc.gov/zika/](http://www.cdc.gov/zika/)

\*Supply may vary by location