



Hospital Bed Policy Language-Only Update

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Parkland Community Health Plan is informing our providers of some minor corrections that have been issued to the language found in the [Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual](#) (TMPPM) – Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, and Nutritional Products (DME) handbook and policy.

Key Details

The Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) will implement a language-only update to the [Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual](#) (TMPPM) – Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, and Nutritional Products Handbook.

This language-only update, in addition to minor grammatical corrections, includes the following information:

- A standard bed typically sold as furniture may consist of a frame, box spring, and mattress, and is of fixed height, with no head or leg elevation adjustments. These types of beds **are not**:
 - primarily medical in nature
 - made with materials that can withstand frequent cleaning and disinfecting
 - primarily used in the treatment of disease or injury
 - considered durable medical equipment (DME) by Texas Medicaid
- Beds which are used primarily for the purpose of safety are not a benefit of Texas Medicaid. These beds do not meet the definition of durable medical equipment as described by 42 CFR § 414.202.

The update will be effective Jan. 1, 2026 and can be found in the [Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, and Nutritional Products Handbook](#) of the [TMPPM](#).

Action Required

Providers should communicate this update to their staff for awareness.

Questions?

Please contact PCHP Provider Relations at PCHP.ProviderRelations@phhs.org.