



Texas Certified Network Update

In 2005, the State of Texas enacted HB 7 to begin the reform process of the Texas Workers Compensation System. Over the past several years, a number of provisions of the original bill have gone into effect. On January 1, 2011, the final component will go into effect, which is the elimination of voluntary PPO networks.

Broadspire will be providing medical management services to our customers under the certification of our Broadspire HCN, which will be offered in partnership with Rockport Healthcare. In creating the Broadspire HCN, we solicited input from our Claim team, our Medical Management team, and our clients, to include medical providers in the appropriate geographic locations so that we can meet our clients' needs. We are working with our carrier partners and self-insured clients to obtain their final approval and then implementation can take place with our clients.

The HCN currently serves 91 counties in Texas, covering the major metro areas such as Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Lubbock, Amarillo, Corpus Christi, El Paso, south Texas and part of east and central Texas. For a complete list of counties covered, you can access www.tdi.state.tx.us/wc/wcnet/. To review the providers currently participating in the HCN, you can access www.broadspireppo.com and select Texas HCN.

Why did Broadspire work with Rockport to file for a certified Health Care Network in Texas?

We are confident that our integrated managed care services will enable Broadspire to offer one of the premier HCN programs in the state of Texas. In addition to the provider panel, there are a number of other managed care components that will be required for approval as part of the application process:

- Each network must have a certified Utilization Review component to perform these services. Broadspire's Utilization Review program is already a Texas certified Utilization Review agent. Broadspire's Utilization Review program is accredited by the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC).
- Each network must have a certified Case Management program with certified Case Managers performing this service in the state of Texas. Broadspire's Case Management program meets this requirement and is also certified by URAC.
- Each network must have certified Case Manager Registered Nurses who are performing triage of files to make the determination of the appropriateness of case management. The Broadspire Senior Nurse Reviewer program, which has been in place since 1999, meets this requirement.
- Our Chief Medical Officer/Medical Director is a Texas licensed physician.
- In addition to the commercially available medical criteria, Broadspire has also developed proprietary medical criterion that supplements the gaps in the commercially developed criteria.

All of these services are highly integrated, combining the claim and managed care components that will make the overall Texas Certified network program effective in achieving the objectives of better medical treatment and lower overall costs.