

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

As a result of the federal emergency health declaration for COVID-19, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is suspending renewals for all Medicaid programs beginning June 1, 2020. Passive renewals will be processed for June 2020. Paper renewals will be suppressed beginning June 1, 2020. All renewals will be suspended or suppressed as of July 1, 2020.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

This policy is being implemented in order to ensure that all Medicaid beneficiaries are able to receive needed medical services during the time of COVID-19 national health emergency.

Budget implication:

- budget neutral
- will cost MDHHS \$ _____, and (select one) budgeted in current appropriation
- will save MDHHS \$ _____

Is this policy change mandated per federal requirements?

This policy is not federally mandated, but is allowed under options supplied by CARES Act.

Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?

Yes, this policy will have implications for the Economic Stability Administration (ESA) and field staff when the emergency health declaration is rescinded and suppressed renewals will have to be addressed.

Does policy have operational implications on other departments?

No, this policy does not have implications for other departments.

Summary of input:

- controversial
- acceptable to most/all groups
- limited public interest/comment

Supporting Documentation:

State Plan Amendment Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please provide status: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Date: Approval Date:	Public Notice Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, Submission Date:
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DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Michigan Department of Health and Human Services		
	Project Number: 2040-Eligibility	Date: August 7, 2020

Comments Due: September 11, 2020
Proposed Effective Date: As Indicated
Direct Comments To: Shannon David
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Policy Subject: COVID-19 Response: Suspending All Medicaid Renewals Affected Programs: Medicaid Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders Summary: This policy suspends all Medicaid renewals beginning June 1, 2020. Purpose: This policy is being implemented in order to ensure that all Medicaid beneficiaries are able to receive needed medical services during the COVID-19 national health emergency. Cost Implications: Budget neutral Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: None
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State Plan Amendment Required: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, date submitted:	Public Notice Required: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submitted date:
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Tribal Notification: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - Date:

THIS SECTION COMPLETED BY RECEIVER

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> No Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	<input type="checkbox"/> See Comments Below
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Signature:	Phone Number

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Bureau/Administration <i>(please print)</i>	Date

Bulletin Number: MSA 20-37

Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders

Issued: August 7, 2020

Subject: COVID-19 Response: Suspending All Medicaid Renewals

Effective: As Indicated

Programs Affected: Medicaid

Consistent with public health emergency conditions at both the state and federal levels related to COVID-19, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is issuing this policy effective as indicated below. Given the circumstances, this policy is intended to be time-limited, and MDHHS will notify providers of its termination. MDHHS is suspending renewals for all Medicaid programs beginning June 1, 2020. Passive renewals will be processed for June 2020. Paper renewals will be suppressed beginning June 1, 2020. All renewals will be suspended or suppressed as of July 1, 2020.

The renewal process is a periodic re-evaluation of all eligibility factors to determine if the group continues to be eligible for the program benefits. This is currently completed by submitting a paper renewal form, going to the online portal MiBridges to complete the renewal, or through the use of an automated passive renewal that the recipient has agreed to.

Public Comment

The public comment portion of the policy promulgation process is being conducted concurrently with the implementation of the change noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the change may do so by submitting comments to Shannon David via e-mail at:

E-mail: DavidS1@michigan.gov.

Please include “COVID-19 Response: Suspending All Medicaid Renewals” in the subject line.

Comments received will be considered for revisions to the change implemented by this bulletin.

Manual Maintenance

Information is time-limited and will not be incorporated into any policy or procedure manuals.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mailed to ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 800-292-2550.

Approved

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Kate Massey, Director
Medical Services Administration