

# MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

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## 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) issued bulletin MSA 20-37 on August 7, 2020, which suspended all Medicaid renewals beginning June 1, 2020. Beginning May 1, 2021, MDHHS will restart the passive/auto renewal process. Medicaid programs that are not part of the passive renewal process remain suspended. Due to the ongoing emergency health declaration for COVID-19, continued eligibility will be determined using passive/auto renewals but will not result in Medicaid closure. No negative impacts for beneficiaries have been identified. For passive/auto renewals, the beneficiary will be notified by MDHHS-1606 (Health Care Coverage Determination Notice) when the renewal is completed and the coverage is extended.

## Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

This policy is being implemented in order to comply with federal regulations that states begin the process of Medicaid yearly renewals to ensure ongoing eligibility.

## 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 recommended under options supplied by the 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 since the renewals have been suppressed and there is a large backlog to address due to the COVID-19 federal health emergency declaration. Restarting passive/auto renewals is the first step in addressing the current and backlog renewals.

## 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	Public Notice Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**Comments Due:** June 4, 2021  
**Proposed Effective Date:** As Indicated  
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**Policy Subject:** COVID-19 Response: Update to Bulletin MSA 20-37

**Affected Programs:** MIChild, Healthy Michigan Plan

**Distribution:** Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders

**Summary:** As a result of the federal emergency health declaration for COVID-19, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued bulletin MSA 20-37 on August 7, 2020, which suspended all Medicaid renewals beginning June 1, 2020. Beginning May 1, 2021, MDHHS will restart the passive/auto renewal process. Medicaid programs that are not part of the passive renewal process remain suspended. Due to the ongoing emergency health declaration for COVID-19, continued eligibility will be determined using passive/auto renewals but will not result in Medicaid closure. No negative impacts for beneficiaries have been identified. For passive/auto renewals, the beneficiary will be notified by MDHHS-1606 (Health Care Coverage Determination Notice) when the renewal is completed and the coverage is extended.

**Purpose:** To comply with recent Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) clarification regarding renewals.

**Cost Implications:** Budget neutral.

**Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues:** None

<b>State Plan Amendment Required:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>If yes, date submitted:</b>	<b>Public Notice Required:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Submitted date:</b>
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**Tribal Notification:** Yes  No  - **Date:**

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As a result of the federal emergency health declaration, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued bulletin [MSA 20-37](#) on August 7, 2020, which suspended renewals for all Medicaid programs beginning June 1, 2020. The purpose of this policy is to update bulletin MSA 20-37 in response to recent clarification from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) encouraging states to develop a plan to begin the renewal process.

Beginning May 1, 2021, MDHHS will restart the passive/auto renewal process. Programs that allow for passive/auto renewal are Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) related categories, including MICHild and the Healthy Michigan Plan. Renewals for all Medicaid programs that are not part of the passive renewal process remain suspended. Due to the ongoing emergency health declaration for COVID-19, continued eligibility will be determined using passive/auto renewals but will not result in Medicaid closure. No negative impacts for beneficiaries have been identified. For passive/auto renewals, the beneficiary will be notified by MDHHS-1606 (Health Care Coverage Determination Notice) when the renewal is completed and the coverage is extended.

### **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 [Davids1@michigan.gov](mailto:Davids1@michigan.gov).

Please include "COVID-19 Response: Update to Bulletin MSA 20-37" 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](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit questions, be sure to include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Typical Providers may phone toll-free 800-292-2550. Atypical Providers may phone toll-free 800-979-4662.

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## Approved

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Kate Massey, Director  
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