

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

When a family experiences a change in income resulting in a lower amount due than already paid for Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) enrollment fees, the difference will be refunded.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

When families experience a decrease in income or increase in family size during the year, they are allowed to complete a payment agreement amendment to determine a new CSHCS enrollment fee. Currently, policy does not allow for refunds when families have already paid more than the difference between those enrollment fees. This change will allow families to be refunded any amount overpaid during their current enrollment period.

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?

No

Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?

No - refunds are already issued, but on an exception-only basis. The mechanism to do so is already in place.

Does policy have operational implications on other departments?

No

Summary of input:

controversial

acceptable to most/all groups

limited public interest/comment

Supporting Documentation:

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<p>Policy Subject: Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Limited Refund of Payment Agreement Enrollment Fees</p> <p>Affected Programs: CSHCS</p> <p>Distribution: Local Health Departments (LHDs)</p> <p>Summary: Effective for Income Review Payment Agreement (IRPA) amendments filed on or after the effective date of this policy, CSHCS will begin issuing refunds when family income reported on the amendment is lower or family size is higher than the amount reported on the initial IRPA, and the amount already paid exceeds the amount due.</p> <p>Purpose: This policy will provide the opportunity for families to receive a refund of CSHCS enrollment fees when a change in household income or size has occurred without the need for a policy exception.</p> <p>Cost Implications: Budget neutral – the amount of amendments and refund requests received per year is minimal. These refunds are already issued as an approved exception by the CSHCS Division Director.</p> <p>Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: None</p>
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Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Behavioral & Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

Distribution: Local Health Departments (LHDs)

Issued: December 1, 2022 (Proposed)

Subject: Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Limited Refund of Payment Agreement Enrollment Fees

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Programs Affected: CSHCS

This bulletin outlines changes in policy being made to CSHCS refund policy in limited instances when a family files an MSA-0927 - Income Review/Payment Agreement (IRPA) Amendment due to a change in income or family size.

CSHCS enrollment requires every family to complete and submit an MSA-0738 – Income Review/Payment Agreement when the beneficiary does not receive Medicaid, is not a ward of the county or state, is not placed in foster care, does not have a court-appointed guardian, and is not deceased. Families use the IRPA to self-report their annual income and family size to determine the annual enrollment fee due for CSHCS coverage. Families experiencing a change in income or family size during the year are encouraged to work with their LHDs to submit an IRPA Amendment. Currently, CSHCS policy does not allow for refunds of paid enrollment fees in any circumstance, unless an exception is approved by the CSHCS Division Director.

This policy will allow families to receive a refund of paid CSHCS enrollment fees in limited circumstances when they have filed an amendment, and when they have already paid an amount greater than the total enrollment fee based on the amendment. Refunds of paid enrollment fees may be prorated up to 12 months back to the date of the event, though not further than the beginning of the current MSA-0738 – Income Review/Payment Agreement. Payment agreement adjustments may not be applied to previous agreements (except when Medicaid or MIChild is obtained).

This policy does not change any other aspect of the CSHCS refund policy. Payments will not be refunded if CSHCS services are not used, the family determines CSHCS services are not cost effective, CSHCS coverage is voluntarily ended, the client ages out of the program, or the client moves out of the state of Michigan.