

## MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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### Brief description of policy:

This bulletin provides updated policy for the attending provider field of hospital institutional claims. It also establishes a set definition of attending provider and notes where additional resources can be located online.

### Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

A change to claim editing implemented January 1, 2022 for reported attending, referring, and ordering providers identified conflicting policy language. This language is being updated to better reflect these claim editing rules.

### 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.

### 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><b>Policy Subject:</b> Update to Attending Provider Field on the Institutional Hospital Claim Form</p> <p><b>Affected Programs:</b> Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MICHild, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS)</p> <p><b>Distribution:</b> All Providers</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This bulletin provides updated policy for the attending provider field of hospital institutional claims. It also establishes a set definition of attending provider and notes where additional resources can be located online.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> A change to claim editing implemented January 1, 2022 for reported attending, referring, and ordering providers identified conflicting policy language. This language is being updated to better reflect these claim editing rules.</p> <p><b>Cost Implications:</b> Budget neutral</p> <p><b>Potential Hearings &amp; Appeal Issues:</b> None</p>
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# Proposed Policy Draft

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

**Distribution:** All Providers

**Issued:** November 1, 2022 (Proposed)

**Subject:** Update to Attending Provider Field on the Institutional Hospital Claim Form

**Effective:** As Indicated (Proposed)

**Programs Affected:** Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MICHild, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS)

This policy clarifies definitions and identifies the acceptable attending provider types reported on hospital claims billed on the UB-04 claim format. These changes are effective January 1, 2022, to align with claim editing updates made to reflect current industry, payer, and professional licensing regulation of attending providers for hospital inpatient and outpatient services.

## **Attending Provider Definition**

In an effort to align claims editing with policy, the definition of attending provider for hospital claims is updated to mirror current federal and state laws and regulations, as well as universally accepted healthcare industry claim reporting conventions and protocols that define healthcare provider roles in various settings. Two applicable definitions exist that refer to attending provider:

### **Michigan Public Health Code**

"Attending physician" means the physician selected by, or assigned to, the patient and who has primary responsibility for the treatment and care of the patient.  
(MCL 333.20102[4])

### **National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) – UB-04 Manual**

Form Locator 76: The Attending Provider is the individual who has overall responsibility for the patient's medical care and treatment reported in this claim. (Official UB-04 Data Specifications Manual 2022)

Using these two definitions, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) adopts the following to classify the appropriate provider types for the institutional hospital attending provider claim field:

The attending provider is the individual who has the primary responsibility for the treatment and care of the beneficiary. Depending on the setting and professional licensure regulations, the specific provider type can vary.

### **Attending Providers for Inpatient Hospital Claims**

Consistent with Michigan professional licensure and scope of practice statute, the following providers are allowed to be reported in the attending field (FL 76) for institutional invoices submitted for an inpatient hospital claim:

- Physicians (MD/DO)
- Podiatrists
- Oral/Maxillofacial Surgeons
- Dentists
- Certified Nurse Midwives

### **Attending Providers for Outpatient Hospital Claims**

The provider with the primary responsibility for the treatment and care of the beneficiary in the outpatient setting is listed as the Attending Provider. The provider type varies according to the service provided.

A complete list of allowed attending providers for inpatient and outpatient services can be found on the MDHHS [Provider Resources for Institutional Providers](#) webpage.

Refer to the [MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual](#) for guidelines and information regarding the institutional claim format for inpatient and outpatient services.