

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

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Brief description of policy:

The Medicaid Health Plans (MHP) are currently required by contract to refer eligible members to certified MIHP agency programs. This policy allows referral to other MDHHS-approved evidence-based home visiting programs.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

The MHPs have requested the flexibility to refer eligible members to other evidence-based home visiting programs in order to meet the unique needs of members.

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>Policy Subject: Medicaid Health Plan Home Visiting Referral Requirements</p> <p>Affected Programs: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MIChild</p> <p>Distribution: Maternal Infant Health Program Providers, Medicaid Health Plans</p> <p>Summary: The Medicaid Health Plans (MHP) are currently required by contract to refer eligible members to certified MIHP agency programs. This policy allows referral to other MDHHS-approved evidence-based home visiting programs.</p> <p>Purpose: The MHPs have requested the flexibility to refer eligible members to other evidence-based home visiting programs in order to meet the unique needs of members.</p> <p>Cost Implications: This change is budget neutral.</p> <p>Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues:</p>
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Proposed Policy Draft

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

Distribution: Maternal Infant Health Program Providers, Medicaid Health Plans

Issued: January 1, 2023 (Proposed)

Subject: Medicaid Health Plan Home Visiting Referral Requirements

Effective: February 1, 2023 (Proposed)

Programs Affected: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MIChild

The Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) is an evidence-based home visiting program that promotes healthy pregnancies, positive birth outcomes, and healthy infant growth and development. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) endorses home visiting programs that have demonstrated improvement in the health and wellness of participants by addressing health disparities and alleviating barriers caused by social determinants of health.

The Medicaid Health Plans (MHP) are required by contract to refer eligible members to certified MIHP agency programs. Beginning on and after February 1, 2023, MHPs will have additional flexibility to refer their members to alternate MDHHS-approved, evidence-based home visiting programs. MHPs are encouraged to assess individual family needs and appropriateness of each home visiting program's unique components to inform program referral.

All MDHHS-approved home visiting programs will have a primary focus on preventive health and well-being education during pregnancy, the postpartum period and early childhood; physical, behavioral, and developmental health assessment for pregnant beneficiaries and children; and referrals to community-based resources and parenting support. MDHHS-approved alternate evidence-based home visiting programs include:

- Family Spirit
- Healthy Families America
- Nurse-Family Partnership

Within one month of when the MHP determines a pregnant or infant enrollee is eligible for MIHP services, the MHP must refer the enrollee to an MIHP provider or, when appropriate, to another MDHHS-approved evidence-based home visiting program available within the county of residence of the beneficiary, and for which they are eligible. MHPs are not required to refer enrollees to an MIHP provider if the enrollee is already participating in an MDHHS-approved alternative evidence-based home visiting program that provides pregnancy-related or infant

support services. This may be evidenced by enrollee self-attestation. MHPs may be required to present MDHHS with evidence of MIHP referral and care coordination, evidence of participation in an alternative evidence-based home visiting program, or refusal of MIHP services upon request.