

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

CHW services covered under MMP 23-74 will be included in the behavioral health service list and reimbursable through Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2024.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

As MMP 23-74 did not explicitly include CHW services in the Behavioral Health Code Chart, this policy provides an update to allow behavioral health providers to seek reimbursement for CHW services. CHWs can be utilized by specialty behavioral health providers to facilitate access to needed health and social services as outlined in MMP 23-74.

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?

Yes-Claims.

Does policy have operational implications on other departments?

No.

Summary of input:

controversial (Explain)

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
If Yes, please provide status:	If yes, Submission Date:
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Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

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Date: September 26, 2024

Comments Due: October 31, 2024

Proposed Effective Date: As Indicated

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Policy Subject: Update to Bulletin MMP 23-74 - Medicaid Coverage of Community Health Worker (CHW)/Community Health Representative (CHR) Services

Affected Programs: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MI Health Link, MI Child, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services Program

Distribution: Medicaid Health Plans (MHPs), Dental Health Plans (DHPs), Integrated Care Organizations (ICOs), Practitioners, Hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), Tribal Health Centers (THCs), Local Health Departments (LHDs), Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) Providers, Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP), Community Mental Health Service Programs (CMHSP), Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC), Dentists

Summary: CHW services covered under MMP 23-74 will be included in the behavioral health service list and reimbursable through Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2024. CHWs can be utilized by specialty behavioral health providers to facilitate access to needed health and social services as outlined in MMP 23-74.

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to include CHW services established under MMP 23-74 in the behavioral health service list and allow for reimbursement through Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs).

Cost Implications: Budget neutral.

Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: N/A

State Plan Amendment Required: Yes No
If yes, date submitted:

Public Notice Required: Yes No
Submitted date:

Tribal Notification: Yes No - Date:

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No Comments

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The purpose of this policy is to provide updated information regarding bulletin [MMP 23-74](#) - Medicaid Coverage of Community Health Worker (CHW)/Community Health Representative (CHR) Services and clarification specific to specialty behavioral health providers.

CHW services covered under MMP 23-74 will be included in the behavioral health service list and reimbursable through Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2024.

General Information

CHWs have an important role promoting health outcomes related to both physical and behavioral health. While MMP 23-74 did not explicitly include CHW services in the Behavioral Health Code Chart, this clarification provides an update to allow behavioral health providers to seek reimbursement for CHW services. CHWs can be utilized by specialty behavioral health providers to facilitate access to needed health and social services as outlined in MMP 23-74.

Covered Services

Covered services remain the same as outlined in MMP 23-74.

Peer Support Specialist (PSS) and Peer Recovery Coach (PRC) services are separately covered under bulletins [MSA 21-38](#) and [HASA 22-01](#), respectively. To seek Medicaid reimbursement for the delivery of CHW services, an individual must meet the requirements outlined in MMP 23-74. All other policy requirements for coverage of CHW services outlined in MMP 23-74 remain unchanged.

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 Natasha Radke at RadkeN1@michigan.gov.

Please include "Update to Community Health Worker/Community Health Representative Services" in the subject line.

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

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual.

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. Typical Providers may phone toll-free 800-292-2550. Atypical Providers may phone toll-free 800-979-4662.

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