

## MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial ☐

Public Comment ☒

Final ☐

### Brief description of policy:

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services authorizes medically necessary ventilator services for ventilator dependent emergency services only (ESO) Medicaid beneficiaries to treat an emergency condition where the absence of such treatment could reasonably be expected to place the beneficiary's health in serious jeopardy.

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

For the purpose of ESO coverage, federal Medicaid regulations define an emergency medical condition (including emergency labor and delivery) as a sudden onset of a physical or mental condition which causes acute symptoms, including severe pain, where the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to place the person's health in serious jeopardy. A person who requires ventilation services to sustain life is experiencing a medical emergency.

### 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. Program Review Division.

### 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 If Yes, please provide status: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Date: Approval Date:	Public Notice Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, Submission Date:
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**Proposed Effective Date:** March 1, 2025  
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<b>Policy Subject:</b> Emergency Services Only Ventilator Services	
<b>Affected Programs:</b> Emergency Services Only (ESO) Medicaid	
<b>Distribution:</b> All Providers	
<b>Summary:</b> The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services authorizes medically necessary ventilator services for ventilator dependent ESO Medicaid beneficiaries to treat an emergency condition where the absence of such treatment could reasonably be expected to place the beneficiary's health in serious jeopardy.	
<b>Purpose:</b> For the purpose of ESO coverage, federal Medicaid regulations define an emergency medical condition (including emergency labor and delivery) as a sudden onset of a physical or mental condition which causes acute symptoms, including severe pain, where the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to place the person's health in serious jeopardy. A person who requires ventilation services to sustain life is experiencing a medical emergency.	
<b>Cost Implications:</b> Budget neutral.	
<b>Potential Hearings &amp; Appeal Issues:</b> Minimal	
<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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# Proposed Policy Draft

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

**Distribution:** All Providers

**Issued:** January 30, 2025 (Proposed)

**Subject:** Emergency Services Only Ventilator Services

**Effective:** March 1, 2025 (Proposed)

**Programs Affected:** Emergency Services Only (ESO) Medicaid

## **General Information**

The purpose of the policy is to clarify that ventilator services are covered for emergency services only (ESO) beneficiaries when the ventilator services are medically necessary to treat an emergency condition. Aliens who are not otherwise eligible for full Medicaid because of immigration status may be eligible for ESO Medicaid. For the purpose of ESO coverage, federal Medicaid regulations define an emergency medical condition (including emergency labor and delivery) as a sudden onset of a physical or mental condition that causes acute symptoms, including severe pain, where the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to:

- Place the person's health in serious jeopardy,
- Cause serious impairment to bodily functions, or
- Cause serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

ESO Medicaid coverage is limited to those services necessary to treat emergency conditions.

## **Ventilator Services**

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) authorizes medically necessary ventilator services for ventilator-dependent ESO Medicaid beneficiaries to treat an emergency condition where the absence of such treatment could reasonably be expected to place the beneficiary's health in serious jeopardy; cause serious impairment to bodily functions; or cause serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

## **Beneficiary Eligibility**

ESO Medicaid beneficiaries that require life-supporting mechanical ventilating equipment due to an emergency medical condition are covered for medically necessary ventilator services.

### **Accessing Ventilator Services**

Ventilator services for ESO beneficiaries shall be prior authorized by the MDHHS Program Review Division (PRD). Providers must submit documentation supporting the medical necessity of requiring ventilator services to treat a diagnosed medical condition. Authorization of ventilator services will be addressed by PRD on a case-by-case basis. Ventilator services may be authorized for up to six months. If additional ventilator services are required, the provider must obtain further prior authorization. During the authorization period, the provider must report the ESO Medicaid beneficiary's medical status to PRD if the ESO Medicaid beneficiary has been weaned off the ventilator and has been stable off the ventilator for 14 days.