

## MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial ☐

Public Comment ☒

Final ☐

### Brief description of policy:

This policy changes coverage criteria for intermittent urinary catheters specific to hydrophilic-coated intermittent catheters.

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

To implement new hydrophilic intermittent catheter codes effective January 1, 2026, and align coverage criteria with other payers.

### 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 (Explain)

☒ acceptable to most/all groups

☐ limited public interest/comment

### Supporting Documentation:

State Plan Amendment Required: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please provide status:

☐ Approved

☐ Pending

☐ Denied

Date:

Approval

Date:

Public Notice Required: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes,

Submission Date:

**DRAFT FOR PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

**Michigan Department of  
Health and Human Services**

**Project Number:** 2540-DMEPOS

**Date:** September 3, 2025

**Comments Due:** October 8, 2025

**Proposed Effective Date:** January 1, 2026

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**Policy Subject:** Coverage Changes to Intermittent Urinary Catheters

**Affected Programs:** Medicaid, Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS), Healthy Michigan Plan

**Distribution:** Medical Suppliers, Hospitals, Practitioners, Medicaid Health Plans, Integrated Care Organizations

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**Cost Implications:** Budget neutral

**Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues:** No

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

**Public Notice Required:** Yes ☐ No ☒  
Submitted date:

**Tribal Notification:** Yes ☐ No ☒ - Date:

**THIS SECTION COMPLETED BY RECEIVER**

☐ **Approved**

☐ **No Comments**

☐ **See Comments Below**

☐ **Disapproved**

☐ **See Comments in Text**

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# Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Health Services

**Distribution:** Medical Suppliers, Hospitals, Practitioners, Medicaid Health Plans, Integrated Care Organizations

**Issued:** December 1, 2025 (proposed)

**Subject:** Coverage Changes to Intermittent Urinary Catheters

**Effective:** January 1, 2026 (proposed)

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The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers of changes to coverage of intermittent urinary catheters. Changes in this policy are effective January 1, 2026.

## **Standards of Coverage**

Coverage of hydrophilic coated intermittent catheters is included as part of the general intermittent catheter standards of coverage; therefore, the following standard will be removed from policy:

Hydrophilic-coated intermittent catheters are considered for individuals that have Mitrofanoff stomas, partial stricture or small, tortuous urethras.

## **Documentation Changes**

In addition to other required incontinence product documentation requirements (refer to the Medical Supplier chapter of the [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services \[MDHHS\] Medicaid Provider Manual](#)), intermittent catheters require the ordering practitioner to provide supporting documentation substantiating the medical/functional need when ordering the following:

- Coude (curved) tip rather than a straight tip catheter.
- Hydrophilic-coated rather than uncoated or other coating type catheter.
- Medical need for intermittent catheter with insertion supply sterile kit, rather than clean catheterization (e.g., history of recurrent urinary tract infections despite being on a clean catheterization program).

All required documentation must be kept in the beneficiary file and available upon request.

**Note:** Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) beneficiaries require a prescription from a CSHCS-authorized physician subspecialist.

### **Prior Authorization Requirements**

Hydrophilic-coated intermittent catheters will no longer require prior authorization if the standards of coverage and documentation requirements are met. Prior authorization is required for medical need beyond the standards of coverage and for quantities above established program limits.

### **Volume Purchase Incontinence Contract**

Providers are reminded that MDHHS has a volume purchase incontinence contract for specified incontinence supplies (including intermittent catheters). The beneficiary is required to obtain intermittent catheters from the volume purchase contractor, except for the following:

- Beneficiaries dually enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare are not required to obtain Medicare-covered incontinence items from the contractor but may choose to if preferred.
- Beneficiaries enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan (MHP) will receive coverage of these products through the medical supplier contracted by the MHP. This medical supplier could be the volume purchase contractor if negotiated by the MHP.
- Beneficiaries who are enrolled in either a commercial Fee-for-Service (FFS) plan or Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and its coverage includes incontinence supplies are expected to follow the primary payer's rules first. If these products are not covered by the plan, the beneficiary must obtain these items through the MDHHS volume purchase contractor.

All other standards of coverage, documentation, prior authorization, and payment rules indicated in the Incontinence Supplies Policy remain unchanged. (Refer to the Medical Supplier chapter of the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual for additional information.)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) workgroup will revise the definitions for current intermittent catheters and establish new HCPCS codes specific to hydrophilic-coated intermittent catheters starting in 2026. Once MDHHS receives the official HCPCS file from CMS, these changes will be reflected in a quarterly HCPCS code policy bulletin.