

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended, and consultation guidelines for Medicaid policy provide an opportunity to review proposed changes in Medicaid policies and procedures.

Please review the policy summary and the attached materials that describe the specific changes being proposed. Let us know why you support the change or oppose the change.

Submit your comments to the analyst by the due date specified. Your comments must be received by the due date to be considered for the final policy bulletin.

Thank you for participating in the consultation process.



Director, Program Policy Division
Bureau of Medicaid Policy and Health System Innovation

Project Number:	1601-Pharmacy	Comments Due:	May 24, 2016	Proposed Effective Date:	July 1, 2016
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Policy Subject: Prohibition of Automatic Refills of Prescriptions

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

Distribution: Pharmacies, Federally Qualified Health Centers

Policy Summary: Pharmacies are prohibited from automatically filling prescriptions for Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries in Fee-for-Service. Each prescription refill must be specifically requested by the beneficiary.

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to reduce waste in prescriptions that are not picked up by the beneficiary.

Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Medical Services Administration

Distribution: Pharmacies, Federally Qualified Health Centers

Issued: June 1, 2016 (Proposed)

Subject: Prohibition of Automatic Refills of Prescriptions

Effective: July 1, 2016 (Proposed)

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

The purpose of this policy is to announce that effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2016, automatic refills of prescriptions are prohibited. Automatically issuing refills of prescriptions to beneficiaries can result in unnecessary expenditures and/or unused products.

The use of automatic refills by a pharmacy is not allowed. All prescription refills must be initiated by a request from the physician, recipient, or other person acting as an agent of the recipient (e.g., a family member). The possession of a prescription with remaining refills authorized does not in itself constitute a request to refill the prescription. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will not reimburse a pharmacy for any prescription claim that has been automatically refilled. Any claim for a prescription filled without a request from the physician, recipient or agent of the recipient, including but not limited to claims for any prescription service provided after the client's date of death will be subject to recovery. Claims for prescriptions that have been filled using automatic refill and inadvertently billed to MDHHS must be reversed by the pharmacy. The automatic refill prohibition does not apply to medications that are dispensed to residents of long-term care facilities.