

Bulletin Number: MSA 20-76

Distribution: Nursing Facilities

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Subject: COVID-19 Response: Care and Recovery Centers and COVID Relief Facilities 85% Occupancy Limitation Exemption

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Programs Affected: Medicaid

This bulletin is being re-issued to include COVID Relief Facilities.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recognizes the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic for nursing facilities and is fully committed to working closely with nursing facilities during this time. The Care and Recovery Centers (CRCs) and COVID Relief Facilities (CR Facilities) are essential to the MDHHS strategy for addressing the pandemic. The CRCs are described in bulletin MSA 20-72 and the CR Facilities are described in MSA 20-73 and MSA 20-78. Policy bulletins and letters are located at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Policy, Letters & Forms.

The purpose of this bulletin is to address the application of the 85% occupancy limitation to CRCs and CR Facilities. See the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual, Nursing Facility Chapter, Cost Reporting and Reimbursement Appendix, Section 2, Definitions, Per Resident Day Cost. The Manual is located on the MDHHS website at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Policy, Letters & Forms >> Medicaid Provider Manual. For dates that a nursing facility is designated as a CRC or a CR Facility approved for and accepting new COVID-positive admissions, the 85% occupancy limitation will not be applied to the distinct CRC or CR Facility unit, but will continue to apply to areas of the nursing facility not part of the CRC or CR Facility unit.

Additional guidance from the Long-Term Care Reimbursement and Rate Setting Section will be forthcoming on how this will be addressed on the Medicaid NF cost report.

Questions can be sent to DARS@michigan.gov.

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 Michael Daeschlein via e-mail at daeschleinm@michigan.gov.

Please include "COVID-19 Response: Care and Recovery Centers and COVID Relief Facilities 85% occupancy limitation exemption" in the subject line.

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

Manual Maintenance

Information is time-limited and will not be incorporated into any policy or procedure manuals.

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 questions, be sure to include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

Approved

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