

## Bulletin

## **Michigan Department of Community Health**

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Subject: Conversion of Michigan Regional Poison Control Center payment from a Medicaid

funded payment to a CHIP funded payment

Effective: June 1, 2014

Programs Affected: Medicaid

NOTE: Implementation of this policy is contingent upon State Plan approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) will convert its Children's Outpatient Hospital Adjuster Pool from a Medicaid-funded payment to a Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)-funded payment beginning in fiscal year 2014. The size of the pool will be established at \$1,603,053 and will continue in subsequent years. Eligibility for the pool is restricted to the Michigan Regional Poison Control Center (MRPCC) at Children's Hospital of Michigan. This pool will provide funding for poison control-related activities.

The MRPCC provides emergency telephone treatment advice, referral assistance, and information to manage exposures to poisonous and hazardous substances. Certified Specialists in Poison Information and medical or clinical toxicologists are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to manage cases. The service is provided via a toll-free telephone number to every community throughout Michigan, including under-served, low income and indigent populations.

The MRPCC provides public education programs directed towards pediatric accidental poisoning as well as targeted "at-risk" populations. Educational materials and teaching curricula are distributed throughout the state, free of charge.

The MRPCC receives approximately 66,000 calls from Michigan residents annually involving individuals exposed to poisons or hazardous substances. Sixty-two percent of all poisoning exposure calls received involve children under age 19. For CHIP-eligible children, over 44 percent of the total calls relate to poisoning exposures of children in families whose annual household income is \$47,100 or less (200% FPL for a family of four in 2013). MRPCC intervention resulted in over 79 percent of the unintentional exposure calls in children under age 19 being handled in the home so the children did not have to use an emergency department or need a 911 call and response.

## **Manual Maintenance**

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

## Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at <a href="ProviderSupport@michigan.gov">ProviderSupport@michigan.gov</a>. When you submit an e-mail be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

**Approved** 

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