

Michigan Department of Community Health

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Distribution: Medical Suppliers, Nursing Facilities, County Medical Care Facilities, Hospital Long-Term Care Units, Outpatient County Medical Care Facilities, Hospital Swing Beds, and Ventilator-Dependent Care Units

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Subject: Medicaid Cost Report – Non-Allowable Powered Air Flotation Beds & Air Fluidized Beds

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Programs Affected: Medicaid

THIS BULLETIN MUST BE SHARED WITH THE FACILITY'S ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF ORDERING POWERED AIR FLOTATION BEDS AND AIR FLUIDIZED BEDS.

Reviews of Medicaid cost reports by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Office of Audit revealed that nursing facilities are including the costs of Powered Air Flotation Beds and Air Fluidized Beds in the cost report as routine costs. Costs for these beds, either rental or purchase, are directly reimbursable to a medical supplier. The medical supplier must obtain prior authorization for these beds prior to billing Medicaid.

Nursing facilities are reminded that Powered Air Flotation Beds (procedure code E0193) and Air Fluidized Beds (E0194) are ancillary services billable by a medical supplier.

MSA will monitor medical suppliers who do not bill Medicaid directly, but bill facilities directly for these beds. The beds **must** be billed by the medical supplier. Medical suppliers who are found not following Medicaid policy and directly billing facilities are subject to dismissal from the Medicaid Program.

Cost Reporting Requirements

In those instances where the facility reimburses a medical supplier for these beds that would have been billable by a medical supplier if prior authorization had been obtained, the cost will be reclassified through WS1-A to the "Medical Supplies Charged to Patients" cost center.

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-mailed to ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. 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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