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Subject: Medicaid Cost Sharing (Co-Payment) Exemptions

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Programs Affected: Medicaid

The purpose of this policy is to bring Michigan Medicaid into compliance with revised cost sharing regulations as stated in the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The revised regulation is located in the Code of Federal Regulations 42 CFR 447.56(a)(1)(x) which addresses co-payment exemptions for Native American Indians/Alaska Natives and 42 CFR 447.56(a)(1)(xi) which addresses co-payment exemptions for enrollees in the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP).

Native American/Alaska Native

Federal regulation 42 CFR 447.56(a)(1)(x) states that Native Americans who are currently receiving or have ever received an item or services furnished by a Native American healthcare provider or through referral under contract health services are exempt from all cost sharing. The current policy in the State of Michigan exempts certain Medicaid co-payments to Native American Indians/Alaska Natives for services/referrals provided through the contract health clinics and also for pharmacy services.

Operational limitations prevent systems tracking which would differentiate between those who have received prior services through contract health services and those who have not previously received services through contract health services. The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is therefore removing all Medicaid co-payment requirements for all Native American Indians/Alaska Natives enrolled in Medicaid.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program

Federal regulation 42(CFR 447.56)(a)(1)(xi) states that individuals who are receiving Medicaid through BCCCP are exempt from Medicaid co-payments. For dates of service on or after January 1, 2014, the amount of the co-payment for Medicaid services will be \$0 for BCCCP enrollees.

These two groups will be added to the list of Medicaid beneficiaries who are exempt from any Medicaid co-payments. This information will be referenced in the Medicaid Provider Manual located at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Policy and Forms >> Medicaid Provider Manual.

Due to system constraints, the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS) will continue to deduct the nominal co-payment amounts from paid services until late March 2014. At that time, all affected claims will be automatically adjusted by MDCH and appropriate funds will be returned to providers. This transitional delay will affect all BCCCP beneficiaries and Native Americans receiving services outside of the Tribal Health Centers.

In addition, the X12 Eligibility 271 response will continue to list co-payment requirements for all BCCCP beneficiaries until late March 2014 when this information will be suppressed for all future requests.

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 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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