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**Programs Affected:** Medicaid

This bulletin is being issued to clarify the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) policy on copayments related to emergency admissions. Policy Bulletin MSA 06-17 established beneficiary copayment amounts, including a \$50 copayment amount for the first day of an inpatient hospital stay.

Effective for admissions on or after April 1, 2014, MDCH will not require a beneficiary copayment for the first day of an inpatient hospital stay when the admission is for an emergent condition. An emergent admission is defined as when the patient requires immediate medical intervention as a result of severe, life threatening or potentially disabling conditions. MDCH will still require the \$50 beneficiary copayment amount for the first day of an inpatient hospital stay when the condition is not emergent.

### Public Comment

This bulletin is being issued for public comment of the policy promulgation process concurrently with the implementation of the changes noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the changes may do so by submitting comments in writing to:

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If responding by e-mail, please include "Inpatient Copayment Policy" in the subject line.

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

### 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](mailto: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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Fitton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

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