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Distribution: Hospital Swing Beds

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Subject: Update to the Nursing Facility Coverages Chapter on Hospital Swing Beds

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Programs Affected: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan

The purpose of this bulletin is to update the Nursing Facility Coverages Chapter, Hospital Swing Beds Section, of the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual to coincide with an update to the Michigan Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978, Section 333.22210, (3) (f). This change occurred in 2011.

Coverages Chapter Update on Hospital Swing Beds

The Nursing Facility Coverages Chapter, Hospital Swing Beds Section, of the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual currently reads that: "Providers of swing bed hospital services must transfer a beneficiary to a nursing facility, located within a 50-mile radius of the beneficiary's residence, within five business days after the hospital has been notified, either orally or in writing, that a bed has become available." This piece will be removed because it was removed from the Michigan Public Health Code to eliminate certain "Certificate of Need" restrictions on small hospitals with swing beds in short-term nursing care programs.

In addition to the above, the following was added to the Michigan Public Health Code requiring that a hospital swing bed provider: "Not provide extended care services in a swing bed if the hospital owns or operates a hospital long-term care unit that has beds available at the time a patient requires admission for extended care services." This sentence will be added to the Hospital Swing Beds Section.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is 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.

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