

**Bulletin Number:** MSA 21-27

**Distribution:** Home Help Providers

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**Subject:** Home Help Payment Policy for Client Facility Stays

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**Programs Affected:** Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers of Home Help payment policy when a Home Help client is admitted to a facility. The Home Help program is administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and provides personal care services to individuals who need hands-on assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) and instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs). Home Help services cannot be authorized for a client who is an inpatient or resident of a(n):

- Hospital, nursing facility or institution for mental disease, in accordance with 42 CFR §440.167.
- Adult foster care (AFC) facility as defined in the AFC Facility Licensing Act, Public Act 218 of 1979 (MCL 400.701 et seq.).
- Home for the aged (HFA) as defined in the Public Health Code, Public Act 368 of 1978 (MCL 333.20106).
- Correctional institution, such as a state or federal prison or local jail.

### **Date of Facility Admission**

Providers **are not** eligible for payment for Home Help services provided on the day a client is admitted to any of the facilities listed above. Pursuant to MCL 400.111a(7)(d), payments for Home Help services provided on these days are subject to denial and recoupment.

### **Date of Facility Discharge**

Providers **are** eligible for payment for Home Help services provided on the day a client is discharged from any of the facilities listed above.

### **Reporting Facility Stays**

The client or provider must report a facility stay to the client's adult services worker within ten business days of the date of discharge to ensure proper Home Help payment.

### **Manual Maintenance**

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual.

### **Questions**

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be e-mailed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, at [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit questions, be sure to include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

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### **Approved**

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