

Bulletin Number: MSA 18-35

Distribution: Pharmacy Providers

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Subject: Copayment Exemption for Drugs to Treat Mental Health Conditions and Substance Use Disorders

Effective: October 1, 2018

Programs Affected: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS), Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)

NOTE: Implementation of this policy is contingent upon approval of a State Plan Amendment by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2018, no copayment will be charged to beneficiaries for drugs to treat mental health conditions and substance use disorders. These changes are a result of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) assessment of compliance with federal parity requirements described in 42 CFR Part 438, Subpart K and 42 CFR Part 440.

The copayments for these drugs will be covered by MDHHS. The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) transaction response field 505-F5 (Patient-Pay Amount) will have a value of \$0.00.

Drugs that are exempt from copayment requirements will be identified on the Michigan Pharmaceutical Products List (MPPL) as "No" under the "Copay" column. The MPPL can be found at Michigan.fhsc.com >> Providers >> Drug Information.

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 Health and Human Services, 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 1-800-979-4662.

Approved

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