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Subject: Graduate Medical Education Innovations Michigan Doctors (MIDOCS) Program

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Programs Affected: Medicaid

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

Graduate Medical Education (GME) Innovations programs support innovative GME programs that emphasize the importance of coordinated care, health promotions, and patient-centered care for underserved populations. The purpose of this training is to develop the skills and experience necessary to provide services utilized by Michigan Medicaid patient groups. Upon SPA approval, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will expand its GME Innovations Sponsoring Institutions program to include MIDOCS. The GME MIDOCS program supports the expansion of residencies and subsequent retention efforts for approved high need specialties in underserved areas of the state where current and future physician shortages undermine the health and well-being of Medicaid beneficiaries. The MIDOCS program offers physician training in integrated and patient-centered care for underserved populations that will further the state's Medicaid quality goals.

To be eligible for MIDOCS GME funding, the MIDOCS participating medical school must enter into an agreement with MDHHS specifying the number of MIDOCS residents to be supported, the total annual cost of such residencies, any post-residency expenditures to retain physicians in underserved areas of Michigan, and the amount of funding from other sources available for the program, if any. Sponsoring institutions may receive funding from other sources, but Medicaid will act as a payer of last resort to only cover costs not reimbursed through other sources. MDHHS will pay the MIDOCS participating medical school an amount equal to the amount of otherwise unreimbursed costs.

MDHHS will approve four (4) agreements with MIDOCS participating medical schools statewide each state fiscal year (FY), covering residencies for the academic year (July-June [AY]) beginning within the FY. The agreements are effective January 1, 2019 and will amount to \$1.52 million in FY 2019, \$10.73 million in FY 2020, \$19.98 million in FY 2021, \$27.75 million in FY 2022, and \$28.5 million in FY 2023.

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- The MIDOCS participating medical school must have submitted to the state agency its MIDOCS program proposal for a new or expanded residency program(s) to promote access in underserved areas of the state.
- The new or expanded program(s) must possess appropriate accreditation credentials.
- The new or expanded program(s) must meet MIDOCS curriculum standards, including those related to didactic education on patient-centered medical homes, interprofessional education, behavioral and physical health integration, and continuous quality improvement.
- The MIDOCS participating medical school must be the sponsoring institution of the residency program(s) or have an approved agreement with the sponsoring institution.
- The MIDOCS participating medical school or the sponsoring institution (if not the medical school) must have agreements with all training sites for MIDOCS residents.
- If GME distributions exceed the expenses incurred by the MIDOCS participating medical school, their affiliated sponsoring institution, and/or the clinical training sites related to the MIDOCS residencies, the size of the payment will be reduced to bring these elements into alignment.

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, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

Approved



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