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Distribution: Nursing Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, Adult Foster Care Homes, Homes for the Aged, Hospitals, Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans, Community Mental Health Services Programs, MI Choice Waiver Agencies, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Providers, Integrated Care Organizations

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Subject: COVID-19 Response: Update to Bulletin MSA 20-77

Effective: Immediately

Programs Affected: Medicaid

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to update bulletin MSA 20-77, issued November 25, 2020. Bulletin MSA 20-77 formalized the operational requirements for Michigan hospitals to establish hospital-based Care and Recovery Centers (CRCs) to support the safe care and isolation of COVID-positive individuals.

Physical Plant Standards for Critical Access Hospitals

Hospitals that apply to be CRCs must meet criteria that is established in MSA 20-77. Hospitals designated as a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) are exempt from the requirement to have a separate staff break area and restroom provided that the CAH has a documented plan to ensure infection control standards are maintained. All other criteria must be met in order for a CAH to be approved as a hospital-based CRC.

Public Comment

The public comment portion of the policy promulgation process is being conducted concurrently with the implementation of the change noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the change may do so by submitting comments to Michael Hart via e-mail at HartM6@michigan.gov.

Please include "COVID-19 Response: Update to Bulletin MSA 20-77" in the subject line.

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

Manual Maintenance

Information is time-limited and will not be incorporated into any policy or procedure manuals.

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. Typical Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550. Atypical Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-979-4662.

Approved

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