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Subject: COVID-19 Response: Update to Bulletin MSA 20-37

Effective: As Indicated

Programs Affected: MICHild, Healthy Michigan Plan

As a result of the federal emergency health declaration, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued bulletin [MSA 20-37](#) on August 7, 2020, which suspended renewals for all Medicaid programs beginning June 1, 2020. The purpose of this policy is to update bulletin MSA 20-37 in response to recent clarification from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) encouraging states to develop a plan to begin the renewal process.

Beginning May 1, 2021, MDHHS will restart the passive/auto renewal process. Programs that allow for passive/auto renewal are Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) related categories, including MICHild and the Healthy Michigan Plan. Renewals for all Medicaid programs that are not part of the passive renewal process remain suspended. Due to the ongoing emergency health declaration for COVID-19, continued eligibility will be determined using passive/auto renewals but will not result in Medicaid closure. No negative impacts for beneficiaries have been identified. For passive/auto renewals, the beneficiary will be notified by MDHHS-1606 (Health Care Coverage Determination Notice) when the renewal is completed and the coverage is extended.

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 Shannon David via e-mail at Davids1@michigan.gov.

Please include "COVID-19 Response: Update to Bulletin MSA 20-37" 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 questions, 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 800-292-2550. Atypical Providers may phone toll-free 800-979-4662.

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Approved

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