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Programs Affected: MICHild, Medicaid

As a result of the federal emergency health declaration, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued bulletin [MSA 20-19](#) on April 6, 2020, which suspended all program closures for all Medicaid and MICHild beneficiaries beginning March 18, 2020. The purpose of this policy is to update bulletin MSA 20-19 to clarify that Medicaid or MICHild coverage will only be closed if the beneficiary:

- Moves out of state (including being identified by the Public Assistance Reporting Information System [PARIS] match and validated as no longer residing in Michigan),
- Requests that their benefits close,
- Dies, or
- Is not validly enrolled.

Beneficiaries are not validly enrolled if their initial eligibility determination was incorrect at the time it was made due to MDHHS error, or if MDHHS determines that eligibility was erroneously granted due to beneficiary fraud.

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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