

Maximizing Medicaid Claims

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Sec. 603 *Between February 1 and February 29, 2016, the department shall provide to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office a report on the findings of the maximizing Medicaid claim workgroup established in section 603 of article X of 2014 PA 252, including the steps taken to implement the action plan developed by the workgroup, and the department's ongoing efforts to maximize Medicaid claims for foster children and adjudicated youths.*



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The workgroup continues to meet quarterly and identifies barriers and proposed solutions to maximizing Medicaid claims for foster children and adjudicated youth. Current steps being taken to implement the action plan include the development of a brochure to assist judges with identifying youth who may be eligible for Medicaid. Medicaid staff have met with representatives from the juvenile courts, juvenile justice and foster care program offices to discuss the on-going development process. The anticipated completion date of the brochure is May 1, 2016.

An identified barrier in the action plan is the coding in the Bridges system that is used when applying for Medicaid for juvenile justice youth. An internal department work request was submitted to update the coding and is being prioritized. Once the fix is made, policy and training will be updated.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a §1115 Demonstration Waiver to combine under a single waiver authority all services and eligible populations served through its §1915(b) and its multiple §1915(c) waivers for persons with Serious Mental Illness (SMI), Substance Use Disorders (SUD), Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED). Under this consolidated waiver authority, Michigan is seeking broad flexibility to develop quality, financing and integrated care (physical and behavioral health care) initiatives for all specialty service populations on a statewide basis.

In addition to aligning and expanding MDHHS integrated care initiatives for all specialty service populations, the services covered under this §1115 waiver include the full array of mandatory and optional State Plan services for persons who meet the eligibility criteria for the specialty services system. Michigan is not reducing or limiting any benefits outlined in this waiver application. If CMS approves the §1115 Demonstration Waiver application, the waiver for children with serious emotional disturbance will be expanded from the current 37 counties to statewide availability. The proposed effective date of this waiver is April 1, 2016.