

Bulletin Number: MMP 23-22

Distribution: Medicaid Private Duty Nursing, Home Health, and Hospice Agencies

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Subject: COVID 19 Response: Recission and Continuation of Portions of Bulletin MSA 20-41

Effective: May 12, 2023

Programs Affected: Medicaid

The purpose of this policy is to rescind or continue portions of Bulletin [MSA 20-41](#) due to the termination of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). This bulletin will impact Medicaid Private Duty Nursing, Home Health, and Hospice Agency providers. The alternative staffing provisions of MSA 20-41 were rescinded in bulletin [MSA 20-61](#).

Effective May 12, 2023, the following provisions within MSA 20-41 are rescinded:

Virtual Supervisory Visits

The allowance granted by MSA 20-41 for program-specific supervisory visits to be done virtually through simultaneous audio and video technology, virtual supervisory visits to address concerns related to a beneficiary's needs, and virtual RN visits will end on May 11, 2023. On May 12, 2023, providers must return to program-specific supervisory visits as stated in the [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services \(MDHHS\) Medicaid Provider Manual](#).

Prior Authorization for Private Duty Nursing

1. Allowance granted by MSA 20-41 for Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicaid beneficiaries under 21 years of age being discharged from the hospital without existing PDN services through MDHHS, and who have a new tracheostomy and/or are newly ventilator-dependent, PDN services provided by Medicaid-enrolled PDN agencies may be initiated for up to 12 hours per day for up to three months, without requiring prior authorization (PA) will end on May 11, 2023. Any beneficiaries currently receiving PDN services under MSA 20-41, may receive those services for up to three months from the start of service without PA. If the beneficiary requires services beyond three months, PA is required.

On May 12, 2023, PDN providers must resume PA requirements for all beneficiaries as stated in the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual, Private Duty Nursing Chapter.

2. Allowance by MSA 20-41 for the parent/legal guardian of the beneficiary to provide verbal certification, with a dated co-signature of agency staff, on for the Private Duty Nursing Prior Authorization Form - Request for Services (MSA-0732), will end on May 11, 2023.

MDHHS will continue to allow the use of electronically generated signature and date for the parent/legal guardian certification signature on the Private Duty Nursing Prior Authorization - Request for Services form (MSA-0732). The MDHHS Program Review Division will accept an electronic signature and date.

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 Aimee Khaled at KhaledA@michigan.gov.

Please include "COVID 19 Response: Recission and Continuation of Portions of Bulletin MSA 20-41" in the subject line.

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

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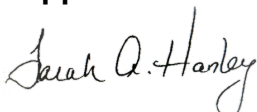
Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

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

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