

March 21, 2023

<Provider Name>
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Dear Provider:

RE: Rescind of “Guidance on Well Child Visits and Telemedicine”

Due to the ending of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is rescinding the guidance regarding the use of telemedicine services to furnish early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment (EPSDT) well child visits for children under 21 years of age effective May 12, 2023. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) issued the guidance in response to a significant decrease in well child visits that resulted in delays in vaccinations, appropriate screenings, referrals, and anticipatory guidance. On August 13, 2020, consistent with the COVID-19 PHE conditions at both the state and federal level, MDHHS issued numbered letter L 20-33 to highlight guidance from the AAP regarding well child visits provided in person and via telemedicine during the COVID-19 PHE.

The components of a well child visit may include measurements (e.g., length/height, head circumference, weight, body mass index, and blood pressure); an age and gender appropriate history; physical examination; counseling, anticipatory guidance, or risk factor reduction interventions; and the ordering of laboratory or diagnostic procedures. The components that are required to fulfill an EPSDT well child visit are critical to the well-being of children, and some of these components cannot be completed via telemedicine and require an in-person examination.

All claims must be submitted in accordance with policies, rules, and procedures as stated in the Medicaid Provider Manual and in compliance with applicable coding guidelines and conventions. MDHHS encourages all providers to refer to the “COVID-19 Response”, “Physicians / Practitioners / Medical Clinics”, and “Telemedicine” databases for information regarding covered services, including fee schedules, and other billing and reimbursement information. The databases are found at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Billing & Reimbursement >> Provider Specific Information.

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For reference, previous AAP specific supporting documentation included the following guidance:

- AAP issues guidance to ensure continued care for children during pandemic <https://www.aappublications.org/news/2020/04/14/ambulatory041420>
- Guidance on providing pediatric well-care during COVID-19 <https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/guidanceon-providing-pediatric-ambulatory-services-via-telemedicine-during-covid-19/>

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Sincerely,



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