

April 20, 2023

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<City> <State> zipcode5-zipcode4

Dear Provider:

After evaluating utilization data and receiving feedback from the provider community, and other stakeholders, the Michigan Department Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is announcing a temporary extension to certain pharmacy flexibilities previously issued in Numbered Letter [L 20-20](#) to Fee-for-Service (FFS) pharmacy claims in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). These flexibilities were originally scheduled to terminate at the end of the PHE. The updates announced in this letter are in accordance with the pharmacy flexibilities included in Numbered Letter L 20-20 and do not impact other agency policies that existed prior to the PHE unless specifically indicated. The extensions announced in this letter are pending an approved State Plan Amendment and will take effect once the current federal PHE has expired. Providers are advised that the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services previously announced that the federal PHE will remain in effect until at least May 11, 2023.

The temporary pharmacy flexibilities provided L 20-20 will extend through September 30, 2023, and include:

- Bypass quantity and days supply utilization edits when appropriate and permitted by Federal or State law.
- Permit early refills of prescriptions after at least half of the previous fill has been used.
- Bypass prescriber network requirements.
- Waive signature log and proof of delivery requirements for the dispensing of drugs.

Effective October 1, 2023, these Medicaid pharmacy requirements will revert to existing Medicaid policies and State Plan authorities at point of sale for FFS pharmacy claim submissions.

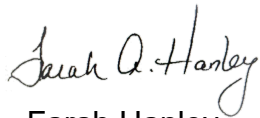
The temporary extension of these flexibilities will allow the pharmacy community to ensure access to care for the medication needs of Medicaid beneficiaries after the

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end of the PHE. It will also allow pharmacies to ensure that they will be compliant with the reinstated requirements at the end of the extension period.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Farah A. Hanley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "F".

Farah Hanley
Senior Chief Deputy Director for Health