

BULLETIN

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Subject: Emergency Services Only Ventilator Services

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Programs Affected: Emergency Services Only (ESO) Medicaid

General Information

The purpose of the policy is to clarify that ventilator services are covered for emergency services only (ESO) beneficiaries when the ventilator services are medically necessary to treat an emergency condition. Aliens who are not otherwise eligible for full Medicaid because of immigration status may be eligible for ESO Medicaid. For the purpose of ESO coverage, federal Medicaid regulations define an emergency medical condition (including emergency labor and delivery) as a sudden onset of a physical or mental condition that causes acute symptoms, including severe pain, where the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to:

- Place the person's health in serious jeopardy,
- Cause serious impairment to bodily functions, or
- Cause serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

ESO Medicaid coverage is limited to those services necessary to treat emergency conditions.

Ventilator Services

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) authorizes medically necessary ventilator services for ventilator-dependent ESO Medicaid beneficiaries to treat an emergency condition where the absence of such treatment could reasonably be expected to place the beneficiary's health in serious jeopardy; cause serious impairment to bodily functions; or cause serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

Beneficiary Eligibility

ESO Medicaid beneficiaries that require life-supporting mechanical ventilating equipment due to an emergency medical condition are covered for medically necessary ventilator services.

Accessing Ventilator Services

Ventilator services for ESO beneficiaries shall be prior authorized by the MDHHS Program Review Division (PRD). Providers must submit documentation supporting the medical necessity of requiring ventilator services to treat a diagnosed medical condition. Authorization of ventilator services will be addressed by PRD on a case-by-case basis. Ventilator services may be authorized for up to six months. If additional ventilator services are required, the provider must obtain further prior authorization. During the authorization period, the provider must report the ESO Medicaid beneficiary's medical status to PRD if the ESO Medicaid beneficiary has been weaned off the ventilator and has been stable off the ventilator for 14 days.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the MDHHS 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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