



Bulletin

Michigan Department of Community Health

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Subject: Distribution of Draft Policy, Final Policy, MPC Manuals, Fee Screens, Department Website

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Programs Affected: Medicaid, Children's Special Health Care Services, State Medical Program

The purpose of this bulletin is to alert you to enhancements in the way the Department of Community Health (DCH), Medical Services Administration (MSA) will be distributing policy information regarding Medicaid, Children's Special Health Care Services, State Medical Program, MIChild, and other programs administered by the DCH/MSA.

DISTRIBUTION OF DRAFT POLICY

The process used by the DCH/MSA when proposing changes to its programs includes the distribution of draft policy to those parties who have expressed interest in reviewing and commenting on the changes. This process is described in Chapter I of your Medicaid Provider Manual. To facilitate broader distribution of proposed changes for comment, effective with the date of this bulletin, copies of all draft bulletins will be sent to interested parties via e-mail and be posted on the DCH website for 30 days. Anyone wishing to comment on a proposed change may submit comments electronically, by fax, or by US Mail within the comment period.

To be placed on the electronic distribution list for draft policy bulletins, you may complete a request form located on the Department's website at www.mdch.state.mi.us or submit your request via e-mail to MSADraftPolicy@state.mi.us. If using the website, click on Medical Services Administration, Information for Medicaid Providers, Medicaid Policy. If submitting an e-mail request, please include your e-mail address along with your name, agency, association, or company name (if applicable), telephone number, and a list of the provider types for which you would like to receive information (e.g. physician, ambulance, hospital, MSS/ISS, dental, long term care facilities, etc.). If you do not have access to e-mail or to our website, and still desire to receive our draft policy bulletins, please send a letter requesting paper copies of the drafts. As explained for e-mail, you must indicate the provider types you are interested in. Written requests should be submitted to: Manuals Support, FFS Division, DCH/MSA, P.O. Box 30479, Lansing, MI 48909-7979 or faxed to (517) 335-5136.

FINAL POLICY BULLETINS

The DCH/MSA will continue to distribute final policy bulletins in paper format. They will also be posted on the DCH website. Copies of the public comments received, along with the Department's responses, will be posted with the final bulletin in addition to being distributed directly to the commenters. As the current policy manuals are updated and converted to electronic format, the manuals will also be added to the website.

MEDICAID PROCEDURE CODING (MPC) MANUAL

Changes related to the Department's Uniform Billing Project and the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) that are scheduled for implementation during the next two years will have a continuing impact on the information currently provided in the Medicaid Procedure Coding (MPC) Manuals. The changes, including deletion of Michigan Medicaid unique procedure codes and modifiers, will allow providers to use standard coding resources utilized to bill other health care insurers (i.e., CPT and HCPCS coding manuals and the UB-92 Uniform Billing Manual) in conjunction with Medicaid Policy Manuals, rather than relying on a Medicaid specific coding manual.

Due to the frequency and nature of changes being made and the availability of the standard coding publications, it is impractical to continue publishing the MPC manuals. Therefore, effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2001 and until further notice, providers should continue to use their 2000 MPC manuals to reference Michigan Medicaid specific procedure codes and modifiers and use the 2001 versions of the CPT, HCPCS, or UB-92 coding manuals to reference standard codes. Information regarding coverage limitations (e.g., prior authorization), will continue to be available in Medicaid Policy Manuals and bulletins. As the transition to standard claims submission requirements is completed for each provider type, the current MPC manuals will be obsoleted. Providers will be advised of any new or remaining Michigan Medicaid specific procedure codes and modifiers in program policy bulletins.

Details about changes being implemented as part of the Uniform Billing Project and HIPAA will be communicated to you through policy bulletins. Providers should refer to numbered letter L 00-60, dated November 2000, to review the schedule for changes related to their provider type.

FEE SCREENS

Provider fee screens are now available on the DCH website.

WEBSITE ADDRESS

The DCH website address is: www.mdch.state.mi.us.

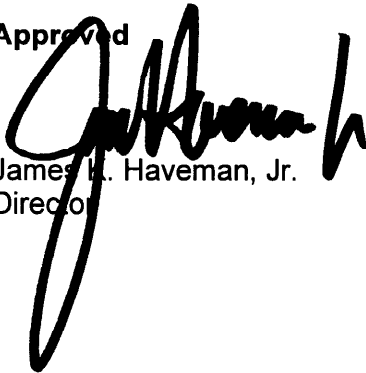
Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin for future reference.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to: Provider Inquiry, Medical Services Administration, P.O. Box 30479, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7979, or e-mail at ProgramSupport@state.mi.us. Providers may phone toll free 1-800-292-2550.

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