

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended, and consultation guidelines for Medicaid policy provide an opportunity to review proposed changes in Medicaid policies and procedures.

Please review the policy summary and the attached materials that describe the specific changes being proposed. Let us know why you support the change or oppose the change.

Submit your comments to the analyst by the due date specified. Your comments must be received by the due date to be considered for the final policy bulletin.

Thank you for participating in the consultation process.



Director, Program Policy Division
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Policy Subject: Updates to COVID-19 Related Cost-Sharing Exemptions and Practitioner Reimbursement Rates

Affected Programs: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MICHild, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services

Distribution: All Providers

Policy Summary: This bulletin clarifies program coverage of COVID-19 treatment services during the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) effective period.

Purpose: This bulletin is being issued consistent with requirements within the ARP.

Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Behavioral & Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

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The Medicaid program is required to cover treatments specifically for COVID-19, including specialized equipment and therapies, and preventive therapies. This requirement is very broad and encompasses a wide array of treatments and therapies, both pharmacological and non-pharmacological.

This bulletin updates the effective period associated with the Medicaid policies that exempt COVID-19 services from cost-sharing requirements outlined in bulletin [MSA 20-17](#) and [MSA 20-49](#), and for provider reimbursement rates for COVID-19 treatment administration outlined in bulletin [MSA 20-81](#). The defined effective period will align with Sections 9811 and 9821 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) for coverage of COVID-19 treatment services.

As defined by the ARP, the updated policy provisions below are effective for dates of service on or after March 11, 2021, through the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act).

Cost Sharing Exemption

COVID-19 treatment and preventive services will be exempt from co-payments for the duration of the ARP defined effective period dates described above. Beneficiaries will not incur, and providers should not collect, co-pays for COVID-19 treatment and preventive services.

Following the expiration of the ARP defined effective period dates, Medicaid program cost-sharing requirements will revert to existing Medicaid policies and State Plan authority.

Practitioner Reimbursement for the Administration of COVID-19 Drugs and Biological Products

Practitioner reimbursement rates for services associated with the administration of COVID-19 drugs and biological products will continue to be 100% of Medicare rates during the ARP defined effective period dates described above.

Following the expiration of the ARP defined effective dates, reimbursement rates for these services will revert to the payment methodologies under existing Medicaid policies and State Plan authority.