

**Bulletin Number:** MSA 20-37

**Distribution:** Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders

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**Subject:** COVID-19 Response: Suspending All Medicaid Renewals

**Effective:** As Indicated

**Programs Affected:** Medicaid

Consistent with public health emergency conditions at both the state and federal levels related to COVID-19, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is issuing this policy effective as indicated below. Given the circumstances, this policy is intended to be time-limited, and MDHHS will notify providers of its termination. MDHHS is suspending renewals for all Medicaid programs beginning June 1, 2020. Passive renewals will be processed for June 2020. Paper renewals will be suppressed beginning June 1, 2020. All renewals will be suspended or suppressed as of July 1, 2020.

The renewal process is a periodic re-evaluation of all eligibility factors to determine if the group continues to be eligible for the program benefits. This is currently completed by submitting a paper renewal form, going to the online portal MiBridges to complete the renewal, or through the use of an automated passive renewal that the recipient has agreed to.

### **Public Comment**

The public comment portion of the policy promulgation process is being conducted concurrently with the implementation of the change noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the change may do so by submitting comments to Shannon David via e-mail at:

E-mail: [DavidS1@michigan.gov](mailto:DavidS1@michigan.gov).

Please include “COVID-19 Response: Suspending All Medicaid Renewals” in the subject line.

Comments received will be considered for revisions to the change implemented by this bulletin.

### **Manual Maintenance**

Information is time-limited and will not be incorporated into any policy or procedure manuals.

## 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](mailto: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. Providers may phone toll-free 800-292-2550.

## Approved

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