

April 23, 2019

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Dear Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) Home Health Agency:

RE: Clarification of Prior Authorization (PA) Requirements for Home Health Services

On May 25, 2018, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued Bulletin MSA 18-12, PA Requirements for Home Health Services. The purpose of this letter is to clarify the policy and notify providers of MDHHS intent to review Medicaid claims, and identify and recover any payments made to Medicaid providers found to be out of compliance with this policy.

Effective August 1, 2018, Medicaid beneficiaries may receive Home Health aide services for the first 90 days without PA. In the event medically necessary services by the Home Health aide are required beyond the initial 90 days, the Home Health agency must submit a PA request for Home Health aide services. The Home Health Aide Prior Approval Request/Authorization form (MSA-181) must be submitted for review to the Program Review Division at least 15 business days prior to the dates of service being requested. Bulletin MSA 18-12 details the required documentation that must be submitted for each calendar year. The calendar year is based on the anniversary date that services were first provided by the servicing Home Health agency. Bulletin MSA 18-12 also provides detailed guidance regarding documentation requirements for continuation of services beyond the initial 90 days, for renewal of services and for an increase or decrease in services.

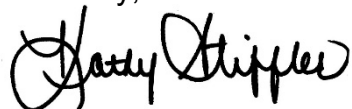
All Home Health claims are subject to review and investigation for conformity with accepted medical practice and Medicaid coverage and limitations, including:

- Medicaid beneficiaries with existing Home Health aide services that exceeded 90 days of services as of August 1, 2018 and have not received PA; or
- Medicaid beneficiaries receiving Home Health aide services with an initial start date on or after August 1, 2018 and have not received PA for continuation of services beyond the first 90 days.

Payments made for claims that do not comply with Medicaid policies may be recovered by the State of Michigan.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Stiffler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Stiffler, Acting Director
Medical Services Administration