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Subject: Changes to Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)
Travel Assistance Policy

Effective: August 1, 2005

Programs Affected: Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)

The following changes to the CSHCS travel assistance policy are effective August 1, 2005:

- CSHCS no longer provides reimbursement for in-state meal expenses incurred as a result of approved inpatient or outpatient overnight or daily stays for CSHCS enrolled clients and/or the accompanying adult. Authorizations given prior to the August 1, 2005 effective date of the policy change will be reimbursed. The policy change also applies to hospitals that supply meal tickets for parents/caregivers of hospitalized children.
- The CSHCS mileage reimbursement is increased to twelve cents per mile.
- CSHCS clients who have a payment agreement are now eligible for in-state travel assistance when they meet travel assistance eligibility criteria.
- Families cannot be reimbursed for airline tickets they have booked themselves, unless prior approval to purchase the tickets was obtained from MDCH.
- Travel reimbursement amounts can be accessed on the MDCH website.

Manual Maintenance

If using the January 2005 CD version of the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual, retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the January 2006 CD version. If using the electronic version of the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual maintained on the MDCH website, retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the October 2005 update.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Michigan Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may telephone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

Approved

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