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Distribution: Medical Suppliers, Home Health Agencies and Pharmacy

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Subject: Clarification on Medicaid's Coverage of Home Infusion Services Associated with Administration of Medicare Part D Drug(s) to Dually Eligible Medicaid and Medicare Beneficiaries

Effective: Upon Receipt

Programs Affected: Medicaid

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide clarification on Medicaid's coverage of home infusion services rendered by providers in conjunction with the administration of Medicare Part D drug(s) to dually eligible Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries (dual eligibles).

Medical Suppliers

Medicaid will reimburse claims for medical supplies and/or equipment (e.g., IV poles, tubing) associated with the administration of Medicare Part D drug(s) to the dual eligibles (except for those dual eligibles who reside in a nursing facility setting) for home infusion therapy. Refer to the Medical Supplier Section in the Pharmacy Chapter of the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual for additional information.

Home Health Agency

Medicaid will reimburse claims for professional services (e.g., nursing services) associated with the administration of Medicare Part D drug(s) for home infusion therapy to the dual eligibles.

Pharmacy

Medicaid cannot reimburse the dispensing fee(s) or ingredient cost(s) of Medicare Part D drug(s) used in home infusion therapy for dual eligibles. If a pharmacy provider **chooses not** to participate in any of the pharmacy networks of the Medicare Part D plans, Medicaid **cannot** reimburse the dispensing fee(s) or ingredient cost(s) of Medicare Part D drug(s) (e.g., IV antibiotic) administered to the dual eligibles for home infusion therapy due to federal law.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, 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 phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

Approved

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