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The purpose of this bulletin is to update the prescription requirements for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language therapy services that are described in the School Based Services chapter of the Medicaid Provider Manual.

### **Prescription Requirements for Physical Therapy**

Physical therapy services provided under the School Based Services program must be prescribed by a physician. The prescription must include the beneficiary name, prescribed therapy, diagnosis(es) or medical condition(s), physician signature, and date. Stamped physician signatures are not acceptable. Prescriptions for therapy services must be updated at least annually.

### **Retroactive Prescriptions for Therapy Services**

Retroactive prescriptions are allowable for occupational therapy, orientation and mobility services, and speech and language services. Services supported by an individualized education plan can precede the signed prescription by up to 90 days; however, the active period of the prescription cannot be longer than one year. Retroactive prescriptions for physical therapy services are not permitted.

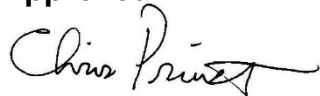
## Manual Maintenance

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

## 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-mail at [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto: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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