

June 29, 2021

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Dear Michigan Medicaid Provider:

On June 14, 2021, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Directive No. [2021-3](#) prohibiting the use of state and federal funds for the practice of conversion therapy on minors. Conversion therapy, also known as “reparative therapy,” is a term used for interventions aimed at attempting to alter an individual’s sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Leading behavioral health and medical professional societies, such as the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry<sup>1</sup>, the American Academy of Pediatrics<sup>2</sup>, and the American Medical Association<sup>3</sup> oppose the use of conversion therapy since the treatment models are not supported by medical and scientific evidence.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) hereby confirms that the Medicaid program does not cover conversion therapy for its beneficiaries. Consistent with provisions outlined in the [MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual](#), the program covers medically necessary health care services that are evidence-based and provided within generally accepted standards of medical practice to prevent, diagnose, or treat an illness, injury, condition, disease, or its symptoms.

Questions regarding the information contained in this letter may be directed to Provider Support at [providersupport@michigan.gov](mailto:providersupport@michigan.gov).

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>> Policy, Letters & Forms.

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.aacap.org/aacap/Policy\\_Statements/2018/Conversion\\_Therapy.aspx](https://www.aacap.org/aacap/Policy_Statements/2018/Conversion_Therapy.aspx)

<sup>2</sup> [Ensuring Comprehensive Care and Support for Transgender and Gender-Diverse Children and Adolescents | American Academy of Pediatrics \(aappublications.org\)](#)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2019-12/conversion-therapy-issue-brief.pdf>