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Distribution: Maternal Infant Health Program Providers, Medicaid Health Plans

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Subject: Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) Consultant Authorization for Program Exceptions

Effective: January 1, 2018

Programs Affected: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MICHild, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS)

Effective for dates of services on or after January 1, 2018, MIHP consultants will be responsible for reviewing and facilitating written authorization for program exceptions, as outlined below, for all beneficiaries, including those enrolled in Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) and Medicaid Health Plans (MHPs). In limited situations, when beneficiary needs surpass outlined MIHP program parameters, MIHP consultants may recommend additional visits for MIHP services as required in the following circumstances:

- Initiation of services for a child over 12 months of age;
- Continuation of services beyond 18 months of age; and
- Professional observation indicating that a beneficiary will benefit from MIHP services after being assessed with no risks using the appropriate program assessment tool (Risk Identifier).

MIHP providers seeking program exceptions for all beneficiaries must submit documentation to their assigned MIHP consultant that supports any identified risks and how the beneficiary may benefit from services. As a reminder, program screening tools and educational materials utilized by the MIHP are designed for maternal and infant use only.

MIHP consultants will be responsible for direct authorization of program exceptions for FFS beneficiaries. For beneficiaries enrolled in MHPs, the MIHP consultants will recommend exception visits to the MHPs. MHPs will be responsible for the review and processing of the prior authorization request for the services in accordance with their utilization management processes. All approved written authorizations are to be kept in the beneficiary's MIHP provider file and must be available upon request. Additionally, as applicable, the MIHP provider is required to note any granted authorizations in the program approved communication tool for a beneficiary enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan.

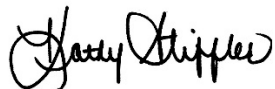
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Questions

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. 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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