

May 3, 2019

<Provider Name>
<Provider Address 1>
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<City> <State> zipcode5-zipcode4

Dear Provider:

RE: Streamlining Medication Assisted Treatment Coverage Process

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is making changes to increase access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). The changes below will be effective for dates of service on and after May 1, 2019.

Initial 14-Day Supply Without Prior Authorization

MDHHS will allow pharmacies to dispense an initial 14-day supply of medications used in MAT without Prior Authorization (PA). This change will allow prescribers 14 days to complete a PA request for continued MAT.

Removing MAT Single Prescriber Prior Authorization Restriction

To further enhance coverage of MAT services, MDHHS is removing the requirement that limited MAT coverage to only the prescriber who requested and received PA approval. This change has the potential to reduce treatment disruption in the event there is a change in a beneficiary's MAT prescriber. This change will also enable the beneficiary to obtain services from more than one provider in the same practice, including different locations. This approach will be continued when subsequent PA's are submitted for renewal.

Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to MDHHSPharmacyServices@michigan.gov. Thank you for your continued partnership to care for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sincerely,



Kathy Stiffler, Acting Director
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