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Programs Affected: Medicaid

Effective immediately, Institutional Status (BEM 265) will no longer be considered in the determination of eligibility for Medicaid for individuals aged 22-64 years in a state psychiatric hospital. Retroactive eligibility for Medicaid for an individual in a state hospital will be allowed dating back to October 1, 2013. This retroactive Medicaid applies to applications received effective immediately as well as to current Medicaid beneficiaries who are residing in a state facility.

Historically, an adult's Medicaid case closed when they entered a state psychiatric hospital because there was no federal financial participation for psychiatric medical services and the eligibility system at that time was incapable of suspending eligibility during their stay. This caused delays in regaining eligibility at the end of their stay and did not allow a Medicaid payment for some non-psychiatric related services that were allowable. Because of the enhanced capabilities of the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS) and Bridges system, an individual's Medicaid case will no longer close when they enter a state psychiatric hospital. Systems changes (the addition of LOC code 17) are expected to be completed by the end of March 2014. Implementing this policy effective immediately will ensure a smooth transition for this population.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Bridges Eligibility 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.

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