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Subject: MICHild Conversion to Medicaid Expansion

Effective: January 1, 2016

Programs Affected: Medicaid, MICHild

Effective January 1, 2016, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will convert the MICHild program to a Medicaid expansion program. All Medicaid coverages and conditions will apply in accordance with current Medicaid policy. MICHild is a Title XXI funded Medicaid expansion program for children under 19 years of age who have no other health coverage and whose income does not exceed 212% of the Federal Poverty Level. Although individuals will be enrolled in a Medicaid Expansion program as a result of this policy, the program will continue to be referred to as the MICHild program.

Eligibility

The MICHild Medicaid program provides health care coverage for children who:

- Are age 0 through 18
- Have income at or below 212% of the Federal Poverty Level under the Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodology (MAGI)
- Do not have other comprehensive medical insurance
- Do not qualify for other MAGI related Medicaid
- Are residents of the State of Michigan

Eligibility criteria for MICHild are the same as the Healthy Kids (U-19) children's Medicaid programs. MICHild applicants and beneficiaries will also be afforded full hearing rights under Medicaid rules.

There will continue to be a monthly premium for MICHild coverage. The monthly cost to families remains at \$10 per month per family for MICHild coverage. Failure to pay the premium may result in termination of MICHild for the entire household although families will be able to re-apply for MICHild at any time. Exemption from premium requirements will be applied to the MICHild group if any member of the MICHild group meets the following:

- American Indians and Alaskan Natives are exempt from paying the monthly premium if any family member listed on the application and living in the home is an American Indian or Alaskan Native, and is either eligible for services through Indian Health Services, or has ever received services through Indian Health Services.
- Pregnant Women (if a MICHild beneficiary [teen] becomes pregnant, the entire group is exempt from premium payments).
- Children in Hospice (if a MICHild beneficiary is in Hospice, the entire group is exempt from premium payments).

Enrollment in other comprehensive health insurance plans is cause for denial and/or termination of MICHild in accordance with Title XXI regulations. Children who may be eligible for State Health Insurance coverage based on a family member's active employment by a state or local government are not eligible for MICHild.

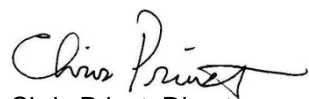
Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into The Bridges Administration Manual (<http://www.mfia.state.mi.us/olmweb/ex/html/>).

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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