

Bulletin Number: MSA 20-49

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Subject: COVID-19 Response: Update to Bulletin MSA 20-17 - ICD-10-CM Coding Guidance and Exemption of Co-Pays for Services to Treat COVID-19

Effective: As Indicated

Programs Affected: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS), Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS), MI Health Link

Consistent with public health emergency conditions at both the state and federal level related to COVID-19, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is issuing this policy effective January 1, 2020. Given the circumstances, this policy is intended to be time-limited, and MDHHS will notify providers of its termination.

On April 1, 2020, MDHHS issued bulletin MSA 20-17 which addressed coding guidelines for the identification of testing and treatment of COVID-19 services that are exempt from incurring a co-pay. To maintain consistency with the requirements of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and the state's Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment, the following ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes, when reported at the claim header for institutional claims or on the claim line for professional claims will not incur a co-pay:

For dates of service January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020:

- Z03.818 - Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents ruled out (appropriate to use when there is a concern about possible exposure to COVID-19, but this is ruled out after evaluation)
- Z20.828 - Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases (appropriate to use when there is an actual exposure to someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19)
- Z11.59 - Encounter for screening for other viral diseases (asymptomatic)

For dates of services January 1, 2021 ongoing:

- Z1152 - Encounter for screening for COVID-19
- Z20822 - Contact with and (suspected) exposure to COVID-19

Non-pharmacy providers who have already submitted claims for services and collected co-pays with one of the above diagnosis codes should refund this amount to the beneficiary. Affected claims will automatically be reprocessed to receive the full amount. Pharmacies who have submitted claims for COVID-19 treatment should refund co-pay amounts to the beneficiary. Pharmacies must resubmit claims to receive the full amount.

Public Comment

The public comment portion of the policy promulgation process is being conducted concurrently with the implementation of the change noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the change may do so by submitting comments to Margo Sharp, Policy Specialist, via e-mail at:

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Please include "COVID-19 Response: Update to Bulletin MSA 20-17 - ICD-10-CM Coding Guidance and Exemption of Co-Pays for Services to Treat COVID-19" in the subject line.

Comments received will be considered for revisions to the change implemented by this bulletin.

Manual Maintenance

Information is time-limited and will not be incorporated into any policy or procedure manuals.

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-mailed to ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550. Atypical Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-979-4662.

Approved



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