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Distribution: Portable X-ray Suppliers, Nursing Facilities

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Subject: Update on Payment for Transportation Services by Portable X-ray Suppliers for Beneficiaries Residing in a Medicaid Nursing Facility

Effective: As Indicated

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

This bulletin is issued in response to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Fiscal Year budget appropriations in Public Act 67 of 2019 and Public Act 166 of 2020. Section 1803 of the Acts directs MDHHS to allow direct billing and reimbursement for transportation charges for portable x-ray services for Medicaid beneficiaries residing in a nursing facility. Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2019, claims from an MDHHS-enrolled portable x-ray supplier for covered diagnostic radiology transportation services will be excluded from the MDHHS nursing facility per diem and paid through a Medicaid fee screen.

For beneficiaries with other insurance, claim payments will follow MDHHS third party liability processing rules. For beneficiaries enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan, Integrated Care Organization or with secondary commercial insurance, providers must contact the insurer for claim processing and payment information. Dual-eligible Medicare and Medicaid beneficiary claims will process as a Medicare cross-over claim.

Note: For dual-eligible beneficiaries, during a Medicare Part A covered Skilled Nursing Facility stay, the transportation and setup costs will follow Medicare consolidated billing policy and are not separately billable to Medicare Part B or MDHHS.

Codes for portable x-ray services are based upon the limits and rates associated with the MDHHS physician professional services fee schedule. Rates and codes are reviewed quarterly and updated if there are changes. Covered codes and rates can be found at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Billing & Reimbursement >> Provider Specific Information >> Portable X-ray Suppliers.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual.

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. Communications should 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.

Approved

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