



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Behavioral & Physical Health and Aging Services
Administration
Medicaid Program Policy Updates

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Putting people first, with the goal of helping all Michiganders lead healthier and more productive lives, no matter their stage in life.

Medicaid Updates

Telehealth

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Program Reminders

MIHP Telehealth

- The federal Public Health Emergency is extended through mid-July 2022
- The Medicaid program is currently working through final decisions for permanent allowance of telehealth services that were expanded during the PHE
 - These conversations include discussion regarding continuation of some telehealth within MIHP

MIHP Telehealth Moving Forward

- Medicaid and the MIHP Operations Team continue to work together to develop further telehealth guidance
- Consideration will be given to:
 - Documentation requirements
 - Equity related to internet and phone access
 - Training for telehealth delivery
 - Flexibility dependent on participant circumstances and provider judgment

12 Month Postpartum Extension

- Michigan Medicaid extended postpartum coverage from 60 days to 12 months beginning April 1, 2022 ([HASA 22-08](#))
 - Coverage does not include MOMS recipients
- Coverage includes full benefits, such as physical and behavioral health, substance use disorder services and dental
- Eligibility remains in place for 12 months postpartum regardless of circumstances (such as change in income)

Medicaid Coverage of Doula Services

- Medicaid proposed policy [22-10](#) – coverage of doula services
 - Public comment is open until June 4, 2022
 - The proposed effective date is October 1, 2022
 - Thank you to those who have submitted comments
- MIHP agencies are encouraged to reach out to doula service providers or programs in their area to make connections for referrals

Medicaid Policy Updates

- Medicaid case closures suspended ([MSA 20-19](#))
 - Unless individual moves out of state or requests closure (does not apply to MOMS beneficiaries)
- Update of Blood Lead Reference Value (BLRV) and Recommendations on the Medical Management of Childhood Lead Exposure ([HASA 22-11](#))
 - Notification to providers that the CDC has lowered the BLRV from 5mcg/dL to 3.5mcg/dL, though CDC recognizes there is no safe elevated blood lead level

Medicaid Policy Updates Cont.

Medicaid policies that are coming out for final soon:

- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Return Transfers (2148-Hospital) – allows return transfers of stabilized infants back to the nursery from which the patient was originally transferred
- Changes to Blood Pressure Monitor Policy (2206-DMEPOS) – Removes prior authorization from blood pressure monitors for pregnant individuals with specific diagnoses
 - Blood pressure monitors remain available with PA otherwise

PHE and Eligibility

- As the Medicaid program anticipates the PHE to end:
 - Eligibility redeterminations will restart
 - The program is working to ensure those that remain eligible beyond the PHE do not experience difficulties
- To assist, MIHP providers can remind clients:
 - To make sure their personal/contact information is up to date
 - To watch for important messaging and mail from the department regarding eligibility

MIHP Program Reminders

- Medicaid Health Plan billing issues:
 - Please contact the health plan directly before reaching out for additional support from the MIHP team
- If you seek additional support from MIHP, please fax or securely email supporting documentation:
 - Claim examples
 - Any information requested from the health plan (program or policy explanation)

Thank you!

Thank you for all that you do for Medicaid beneficiaries and Medicaid Health Plan members!

Medicaid Program Policy Updates Resources

Please submit questions about presentation to:

MIHP@michigan.gov

General provider questions

Provider Support at 1-800-292-2550 or

ProviderSupport@michigan.gov

Public comments and questions on proposed policy

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