

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended, and consultation guidelines for Medicaid policy provide an opportunity to review proposed changes in Medicaid policies and procedures.

Please review the policy summary and the attached materials that describe the specific changes being proposed. Let us know why you support the change or oppose the change.

Submit your comments to the analyst by the due date specified. Your comments must be received by the due date to be considered for the final policy bulletin.

Thank you for participating in the consultation process.



**Director, Program Policy Division
Bureau of Medicaid Policy, Operations, and Actuarial Services**

Project Number: 2040-Eligibility	Comments Due: September 11, 2020	Proposed Effective Date: As Indicated
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Policy Subject: COVID-19 Response: Suspending All Medicaid Renewals

Affected Programs: Medicaid

Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders

Policy Summary: This policy suspends all Medicaid renewals beginning June 1, 2020.

Purpose: This policy is being implemented in order to ensure that all Medicaid beneficiaries are able to receive needed medical services during the COVID-19 national health emergency.

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Subject: COVID-19 Response: Suspending All Medicaid Renewals

Effective: As Indicated

Programs Affected: Medicaid

Consistent with public health emergency conditions at both the state and federal levels related to COVID-19, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is issuing this policy effective as indicated below. Given the circumstances, this policy is intended to be time-limited, and MDHHS will notify providers of its termination. MDHHS is suspending renewals for all Medicaid programs beginning June 1, 2020. Passive renewals will be processed for June 2020. Paper renewals will be suppressed beginning June 1, 2020. All renewals will be suspended or suppressed as of July 1, 2020.

The renewal process is a periodic re-evaluation of all eligibility factors to determine if the group continues to be eligible for the program benefits. This is currently completed by submitting a paper renewal form, going to the online portal MiBridges to complete the renewal, or through the use of an automated passive renewal that the recipient has agreed to.

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 Shannon David via e-mail at:

E-mail: DavidS1@michigan.gov.

Please include “COVID-19 Response: Suspending All Medicaid Renewals” 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 800-292-2550.

Approved

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