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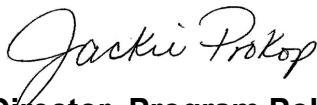
NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

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.



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Project Number: 2109-Eligibility **Comments Due:** June 16, 2021 **Proposed Effective Date:** August 1, 2021

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Policy Subject: COVID-19 Response: Update to Bulletin MSA 20-19

Affected Programs: Medicaid, MIChild

Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders

Policy Summary: This policy updates bulletin MSA 20-19, issued April 6, 2020, to clarify the criteria for Medicaid case closures during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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

Proposed Policy Draft

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As a result of the federal emergency health declaration, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued bulletin [MSA 20-19](#) on April 6, 2020, which suspended all program closures for all Medicaid and MICHild beneficiaries beginning March 18, 2020. The purpose of this policy is to update bulletin MSA 20-19 to clarify that Medicaid or MICHild coverage will only be closed if the beneficiary:

- moves out of state (including being identified by the Public Assistance Reporting Information System [PARIS] match and validated as no longer residing in Michigan),
- requests that their benefits close,
- dies, or
- is not validly enrolled.

Beneficiaries are not validly enrolled if their initial eligibility determination was incorrect at the time it was made due to MDHHS error, or if MDHHS determines that eligibility was erroneously granted due to beneficiary fraud.