

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.



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Project Number: 2354-NF **Comments Due:** March 11, 2024 **Proposed Effective Date:** October 1, 2024

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Policy Subject: Non-Available Bed Plan Policy

Affected Programs: Medicaid

Distribution: Nursing Facilities

Policy Summary: This bulletin provides notification to nursing facilities that Bulletin MSA 21-43 – COVID-19 Response: Change to Non-Available Bed Plan Policy will remain in effect until September 30, 2025.

Purpose: To allow nursing facilities more flexibility with their non-available bed designations as they continue to experience the effects of the public health emergency.

Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Behavioral & Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

Distribution: Nursing Facilities

Issued: September 1, 2024 (Proposed)

Subject: Non-Available Bed Plan Policy Extension

Effective: October 1, 2024 (Proposed)

Programs Affected: Medicaid

Bulletin [MSA 21-43](#) notified nursing facility providers of temporary changes to the non-available bed plan policies to allow nursing facilities to be more selective in their non-available bed designations and offer more flexibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This policy has been in effect since October 1, 2021 and was scheduled to end September 30, 2024. This bulletin provides notification to all nursing facility providers that MSA 21-43 will remain in effect until September 30, 2025. No future extensions are expected beyond this date; therefore, providers are encouraged to plan accordingly.

The guidance provided in bulletin [MSA 21-43](#) and updated in bulletin [HASA 22-04](#) regarding the use and changes to non-available bed designations remains unchanged with the following exception: Instead of allowing only four extensions of six months each, a nursing facility may now request up to six extensions of six months each.