

**MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET**

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

**Brief description of policy:**

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020, there will be no copays for drugs utilized as opioid antidotes.

**Reason for policy (problem being addressed):**

This policy is being issued in ongoing support of the Michigan Opioids Task Force objectives. Eliminating financial barriers to these types of drugs will increase access to care.

**Budget implication:**

budget neutral

will cost MDHHS \$ , and (select one) budgeted in current appropriation

will save MDHHS \$

**Is this policy change mandated per federal requirements?**

No

**Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?**

No

**Does policy have operational implications on other departments?**

No

**Summary of input:**

controversial

acceptable to most/all groups

limited public interest/comment

**Supporting Documentation:**

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<b>DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT</b>		
	<b>Michigan Department of Health and Human Services</b>	<b>Project Number:</b> 2016-Pharmacy <b>Date:</b> May 21, 2020

**Comments Due:** June 25, 2020  
**Proposed Effective Date:** As Indicated  
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<p><b>Policy Subject:</b> No Copayment for Drugs Utilized as Opioid Antidotes</p> <p><b>Affected Programs:</b> Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS), Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS)</p> <p><b>Distribution:</b> All Providers</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020, there will be no copays for drugs utilized as opioid antidotes.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is implementing this copayment exemption to eliminate financial barriers to these types of drugs, which will increase access to care.</p> <p><b>Cost Implications:</b> None</p> <p><b>Potential Hearings &amp; Appeal Issues:</b> None</p>
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**Bulletin Number:** MSA 20-33

**Distribution:** All Providers

**Issued:** May 21, 2020 (Proposed)

**Subject:** No Copayment for Drugs Utilized as Opioid Antidotes

**Effective:** As Indicated (Proposed)

**Programs Affected:** Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS), Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS)

**NOTE: Implementation of this policy is contingent upon approval of a State Plan Amendment by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).**

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020, there will be no copays for drugs utilized as opioid antidotes. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is enacting this copayment exemption in ongoing support of the Michigan Opioids Task Force objectives. Eliminating financial barriers to these types of drugs will increase access to care.

Drugs that are exempt from copayment requirements will be identified on the Michigan Pharmaceutical Products List (MPPL) as “No” under the “Copay” column. The MPPL can be found at [Michigan.magellanrx.com](http://Michigan.magellanrx.com) >> Provider Portal >> Documents >> Fee For Service Drug Coverage.

### **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 Vicki Goethals via e-mail at [GoethalsV@michigan.gov](mailto:GoethalsV@michigan.gov).

Please include “No Copayment for Drugs Utilized as Opioid Antidotes” in the subject line.

Comments received will be considered for revisions to the change implemented by this bulletin.

### **Manual Maintenance**

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the Michigan 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](mailto: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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Kate Massey, Director  
Medical Services Administration