

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

The purpose of this policy is to reduce possible delays to Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) enrollment and renewal by suspending Temporary Eligibility Periods (TEP), and by allowing some non-physicians to provide medical reports for eligibility, to ensure access to care during the COVID-19 emergency.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

To avoid possible delays/disruptions in CSHCS eligibility and coverage during the COVID-19 emergency.

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:

State Plan Amendment Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Public Notice Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, please provide status: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	If yes, Submission Date:
Date: _____ Approval	Date: _____

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	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	Project Number: 2030-CSHCS Date: May 6, 2020

Comments Due: June 10, 2020
Proposed Effective Date: Immediately
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<p>Policy Subject: COVID-19 Response: Children’s Special Health Care Services Eligibility and Renewal Requirements</p> <p>Affected Programs: Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)</p> <p>Distribution: Local Health Departments, Practitioners, Clinics</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this policy is to provide stability to beneficiaries and families applying for CSHCS coverage or renewal of coverage by removing the requirement that beneficiaries/families be placed in a 90-day Temporary Eligibility Period (TEP), and apply for Medicaid during that time, during the COVID-19 emergency. This policy will also allow medical reports to be submitted by some nurse practitioners and physician assistants for the purpose of CSHCS eligibility and renewal.</p> <p>Purpose: To avoid possible loss of CSHCS eligibility for beneficiaries/families who may not be able to apply for Medicaid before the end of a 90-day TEP, and to ensure that families can obtain health care and appropriate medical reports, during the COVID-19 emergency.</p> <p>Cost Implications: Budget neutral</p> <p>Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: None</p>

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Tribal Notification: Yes No - **Date:**

THIS SECTION COMPLETED BY RECEIVER

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> No Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	<input type="checkbox"/> See Comments Below
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Bulletin Number: MSA 20-24

Distribution: Local Health Departments, Practitioners, Clinics

Issued: May 6, 2020

Subject: COVID-19 Response: Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Eligibility and Renewal Requirements

Effective: March 10, 2020

Programs Affected: Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)

Consistent with public health emergency conditions at both the state and federal level related to COVID-19, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is issuing this policy effective March 10, 2020. Given the circumstances, this policy is intended to be time-limited, and MDHHS will notify providers of its termination. This policy announces temporary policy changes regarding eligibility for Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) during the COVID-19 emergency. MDHHS will waive the requirement that beneficiaries/applicants apply for Medicaid and be placed in a 90-day temporary eligibility period (TEP) and will allow some non-physician providers to submit medical reports for CSHCS eligibility.

Temporary Eligibility Period (TEP)

To avoid potential lapse in CSHCS coverage, or delay in CSHCS eligibility during the COVID-19 emergency, MDHHS will waive the requirement that families/beneficiaries/applicants be placed in a 90-day temporary eligibility period when their reported income indicates that they may be eligible for Medicaid. This applies to all beneficiaries/families/applicants who report income on the Income Review/Payment Agreement (MSA-0738) that places them in the lowest payment agreement amount (\$120 per year). During the COVID-19 emergency, all eligibility periods will be issued in 12-month increments. Beneficiaries/applicants will be encouraged, but not required, to apply for Medicaid.

Medical Reports for CSHCS Eligibility

To avoid potential lapse in CSHCS coverage, or delay in CSHCS eligibility during the COVID-19 emergency, MDHHS will allow beneficiaries/applicants to submit medical reports completed and signed by nurse practitioners and physician assistants who work within the medical practice of an approved pediatric subspecialist. These medical reports must contain information regarding eligible diagnosis(es), and severity and chronicity of the diagnosis(es) as outlined in the Children's Special Health Care Services chapter of the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual. The MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual is available on the MDHHS website at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Policy, Letters & Forms.

All other requirements of CSHCS financial determinations, payment agreements, and medical eligibility as outlined in the Medicaid Provider Manual remain unchanged.

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 Jennifer Baumann, Policy Specialist, via e-mail at:

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Please include “COVID-19 Response: CSHCS Eligibility and Renewal Requirements” 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 1-800-292-2550.

Approved



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