

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

This policy clarifies when a provider can bill for Home Help services on a Home Help client's dates of facility admission and discharge.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

This policy is intended to a) answer provider questions about payments for Home Help services provided on the dates of facility admission and discharge and b) reduce the rate of providers billing for Home Help services rendered on prohibited days.

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?

The policy is anticipated to decrease the recoupment workload of staff in adult services and the Office of Inspector General.

Does policy have operational implications on other departments?

No.

Summary of input:

- controversial Adds a category of disallowed payments to MSA policy.
- acceptable to most/all groups
- limited public interest/comment

Supporting Documentation:

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| 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: | If yes, Submission Date: |
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Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Medical Services Administration

Distribution: Home Help Providers

Issued: August 1, 2021 (Proposed)

Subject: Home Help Payment Policy for Client Facility Stays

Effective: September 1, 2021 (Proposed)

Programs Affected: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers of Home Help payment policy when a Home Help client is admitted to a facility. The Home Help program is administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and provides personal care services to individuals who need hands-on assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) and instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs). Home Help services cannot be authorized for a client who is an inpatient or resident of a(n):

- Hospital, nursing facility or institution for mental disease, in accordance with 42 CFR §440.167.
- Adult foster care (AFC) facility as defined in the AFC Facility Licensing Act, Public Act 218 of 1979 (MCL 400.701 et seq.).
- Home for the aged (HFA) as defined in the Public Health Code, Public Act 368 of 1978 (MCL 333.20106).

Date of Facility Admission

Providers **are not** eligible for payment for Home Help services provided on the day a client is admitted to any of the facilities listed above. Payments for Home Help services provided on these days are subject to denial and recoupment.

Date of Facility Discharge

Providers **are** eligible for payment for Home Help services provided on the day a client is discharged from any of the facilities listed above.

Reporting Facility Stays

The client or provider must report a facility stay to the client's adult services worker within ten business days of the date of discharge to ensure proper Home Help payment.