

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

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.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

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 public health 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?

This policy is not federally mandated, but is allowed under options supplied by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116-127).

Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?

Yes, this policy will have implications for the Economic Stability Administration (ESA) and how its field staff process cases.

Does policy have operational implications on other departments?

No, this policy does not have implications for other departments.

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
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<p>Policy Subject: COVID-19 Response: Update to Bulletin MSA 20-19</p> <p>Affected Programs: Medicaid, MICHild</p> <p>Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Purpose: This policy is intended as a response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.</p> <p>Cost Implications: Budget neutral.</p> <p>Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: None</p>
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Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Medical Services Administration

Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders

Issued: July 1, 2021 (Proposed)

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

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Programs Affected: Medicaid, MICHild

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.