

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

This policy will require new transportation provider qualifications for family members and foster parents of beneficiaries and taxicab drivers in order to receive Medicaid reimbursement for providing Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) services. Providers must not be excluded from participating in federal health care programs, included on the Michigan Department of Health of Human Services (MDHHS) sanctioned provider and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) exclusion lists, or convicted of a felony criminal offense relating to a controlled substance. Providers will report any felony conviction relating to a controlled substance and traffic violations.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 requires new transportation provider qualifications to ensure program integrity.

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?

Yes, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?

Yes - Provider Support, MDHHS local offices, Program Review Division, and Maternal Infant Health Program.

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:	If yes, Submission Date:
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Policy Subject: Transportation Provider Qualifications

Affected Programs: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MIChild, Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP)

Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) Holders, Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Contractor, Medicaid Health Plans (MHP), Integrated Care Organizations (ICO), MI Choice Waiver Agencies

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Purpose: The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 requires new transportation provider qualifications to ensure program integrity.

Cost Implications: Budget neutral.

Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: None anticipated.

State Plan Amendment Required: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, date submitted:	Public Notice Required: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submitted date:
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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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Medical Services Administration

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The purpose of this bulletin is to inform Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) NEMT authorizing parties of changes to FFS NEMT policy. (Refer to the [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services \[MDHHS\] Medicaid Provider Manual](#) for Medicaid FFS transportation policy.) For services for Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan (MHP), Integrated Care Organization (ICO) or MI Choice Waiver agency, the beneficiary's health plan or waiver agency should be contacted for policy and coverage information.

Transportation Provider Qualifications

All individual and agency transportation providers must adhere to specific qualifications in order to receive Medicaid reimbursement for providing NEMT services. (Refer to the NEMT chapter of the Medicaid Provider Manual for transportation provider qualifications.) Additional transportation provider qualifications will be required by Medicaid FFS policy due to new Medicaid program requirements set by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. To be authorized to provide and receive reimbursement for NEMT services, a transportation provider who is a beneficiary's family member or foster parent, or a taxicab driver, must not be excluded from participating in any federal health care program, or listed on the MDHHS sanctioned provider list or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) exclusion list. The provider also must not have been convicted under a federal or state law after August 21, 1996, for a felony criminal offense relating to the unlawful manufacture, distribution, prescription, or dispensing of a controlled substance. The provider will report any felony conviction relating to a controlled substance and traffic violations.