

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has added a hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection screening recommendation to the newly released periodicity schedule. The screening should occur at least once between 18 and 79 years of age.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

The purpose of this policy is to inform providers that an HCV infection screening recommendation has been included in the latest release of the AAP Periodicity Schedule.

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 (Explain)

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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Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	Project Number: 2129-EPSDT	Date: September 30, 2021

Comments Due: November 4, 2021
Proposed Effective Date: January 1, 2022
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Policy Subject: Addition of a Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Infection Screening Recommendation per the 2021 American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Periodicity Schedule

Affected Programs: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MICHild.

Distribution: Practitioners, Local Health Departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Medicaid Health Plans, Tribal Health Centers, Integrated Care Organizations.

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Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to inform providers that an HCV infection screening recommendation has been included in the latest release of the AAP Periodicity Schedule.

Cost Implications: Budget neutral.

Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: Minimal.

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
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Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Medical Services Administration

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Issued: December 1, 2021 (Proposed)

Subject: Addition of a Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Infection Screening Recommendation per the 2021 American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Periodicity Schedule

Effective: January 1, 2022 (Proposed)

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The purpose of this policy is to inform providers that an HCV infection screening recommendation has been included in the latest release of the AAP Periodicity Schedule. Federal regulations require state Medicaid programs to offer Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services to Medicaid eligible beneficiaries under 21 years of age. EPSDT visits cover any medically necessary screening and preventive support services for children and are to be performed in accordance with the AAP periodicity schedule, its components, and medical guidelines. The 2021 version of the periodicity schedule by the AAP can be found at: <http://brightfutures.aap.org>.

All individuals should be screened for HCV infection at least once between 18 and 79 years of age. These screenings provided for individuals under 21 years of age are considered an EPSDT service. Individuals at increased risk of HCV infection, including those with past or current injection drug use, should be tested for HCV infection and reassessed annually. An HCV infection screening may be provided to any individual requesting the screen regardless of their disclosure of risk since there may be reluctance to disclose these risks.

For individuals identified with HCV infection, it is recommended that they receive appropriate care, including HCV clinical preventive services (e.g., screening and intervention for alcohol or drug use, hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccination, and medical monitoring of disease). EPSDT services include the coverage of any follow-up services and referrals that are medically necessary to treat an HCV infection. Individuals with HCV infection should be provided information about treatment options, how to prevent transmission of HCV to others, and drug treatment, as appropriate.

MDHHS has expanded access to curative treatments for HCV by removing prior authorization requirements from the product MAVYRET® (glecaprevir/pibrentasvir) when prescribed in accordance with Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved labeling. Expanding access to treatment is a core component of the We Treat Hep C initiative to eliminate HCV in Michigan. More information and resources regarding the We Treat Hep C initiative may be found at www.Michigan.gov/WeTreatHepC.