

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will rescind the COVID-19 Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) flexibilities described in Bulletin MSA 20-23, issued April 29, 2020. NEMT requirements will be reinstated the day following the end of the COVID-19 federal public health emergency (PHE).

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

To return to the NEMT policy requirements that were in place prior to the federal PHE.

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

Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?

Yes - Program Review Division, local MDHHS county offices.

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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Date: Approval Date:	

Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Behavioral & Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) Holders, Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Contractor

Issued: December 1, 2022 (Proposed)

Subject: Rescinding COVID-19 Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Flexibilities

Effective: As Indicated (Proposed)

Programs Affected: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MICHild

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The Medicaid program will return to covering the least-costly available mode of transportation appropriate for the beneficiary's needs.

The completion of a Medical Verification for Transportation form (DHS-5330) will be required for special transportation, round-trip and mileage rates over the fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid rate schedule, and transportation reimbursement requests for medical care outside a beneficiary's community when comparable care is locally available. Special transportation includes medically necessary wheelchair lift-equipped vehicles, Medi-Vans, or medically necessary attendants. Authorizing parties will accept the submission of DHS-5330 and Medical Transportation Statement (MSA-4674) forms via email and fax.

All prior authorization requests must be faxed to the MDHHS Program Review Division (PRD). Local MDHHS county offices must fax requests to 517-241-7813. Local MDHHS county offices without access to a fax machine can email requests to MDHHS-PRD-NEMT@michigan.gov. (Refer to the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation chapter of the [MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual](#), Prior Authorization section, for prior authorization requirements.)