

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

This bulletin provides program updates to COVID-19 Related Cost-sharing exemptions and practitioner reimbursement rates during the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) effective period.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

This bulletin is being issued consistent with requirements within the ARP.

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, ARP.

Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?

None anticipated.

Does policy have operational implications on other departments?

None anticipated.

Summary of input:

- controversial
 acceptable to most/all groups
 limited public interest/comment

Supporting Documentation:

State Plan Amendment Required: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please provide status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Date: 7/29/22 Approval Date:	Public Notice Required: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, Submission Date: 05/2022
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	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	Project Number: 2228-Practitioner Date: September 19, 2022

Comments Due: October 24, 2022
Proposed Effective Date: As Indicated
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<p>Policy Subject: Updates to COVID-19 Related Cost-sharing Exemptions and Practitioner Reimbursement Rates</p> <p>Affected Programs: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MIChild, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services</p> <p>Distribution: All Providers</p> <p>Summary: This bulletin clarifies program coverage of COVID-19 treatment services during the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) effective period.</p> <p>Purpose: This bulletin is being issued consistent with requirements within the ARP.</p> <p>Cost Implications: Budget neutral.</p> <p>Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: None anticipated.</p>

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Tribal Notification: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> - Date: 06/13/2022

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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Proposed Policy Draft

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

Distribution: All Providers

Issued: November 1, 2022 (Proposed)

Subject: Updates to COVID-19 Related Cost-sharing Exemptions and Practitioner Reimbursement Rates

Effective: As Indicated (Proposed)

Programs Affected: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MICHild, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services

The Medicaid program is required to cover treatments specifically for COVID-19, including specialized equipment and therapies, and preventive therapies. This requirement is very broad and encompasses a wide array of treatments and therapies, both pharmacological and non-pharmacological.

This bulletin updates the effective period associated with the Medicaid policies that exempt COVID-19 services from cost-sharing requirements outlined in bulletin [MSA 20-17](#) and [MSA 20-49](#), and for provider reimbursement rates for COVID-19 treatment administration outlined in bulletin [MSA 20-81](#). The defined effective period will align with Sections 9811 and 9821 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) for coverage of COVID-19 treatment services.

As defined by the ARP, the updated policy provisions below are effective for dates of service on or after March 11, 2021, through the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act).

Cost Sharing Exemption

COVID-19 treatment and preventive services will be exempt from co-payments for the duration of the ARP defined effective period dates described above. Beneficiaries will not incur, and providers should not collect, co-pays for COVID-19 treatment and preventive services.

Following the expiration of the ARP defined effective period dates, Medicaid program cost-sharing requirements will revert to existing Medicaid policies and State Plan authority.

Practitioner Reimbursement for the Administration of COVID-19 Drugs and Biological Products

Practitioner reimbursement rates for services associated with the administration of COVID-19 drugs and biological products will continue to be 100% of Medicare rates during the ARP defined effective period dates described above.

Following the expiration of the ARP defined effective dates, reimbursement rates for these services will revert to the payment methodologies under existing Medicaid policies and State Plan authority.