

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

The purpose of this policy is to modify MMP 23-23, which informed providers that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will rescind flexibilities described in the MI Health Link (MHL) 1915c Appendix K effective on dates as indicated in the bulletin. This policy modifies the Waiving Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) settings requirements termination date from November 11, 2023 to June 12, 2023.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

To modify MMP 23-23 to change the termination date for HCBS settings requirements authorized under the MI Health Link Appendix K in policy.

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?

No

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 If Yes, please provide status: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Date: _____ Approval Date: _____	Public Notice Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, Submission Date: _____
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	Project Number: 2334-MHL	Date: June 9, 2023

Comments Due: July 14, 2023
Proposed Effective Date: As Indicated
Direct Comments To: Karen Everhart
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<p>Policy Subject: Update to Reversal of Temporary COVID-19 MI Health Link (MHL) 1915c Waiver Appendix K Policies</p> <p>Affected Programs: MI Health Link Home and Community-Based Services Waiver</p> <p>Distribution: Integrated Care Organizations</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this policy is to modify MMP 23-23, which informed providers that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will rescind flexibilities described in the MI Health Link (MHL) 1915c Appendix K effective on dates as indicated in the bulletin. This policy modifies the Waiving Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) settings requirements termination date from November 11, 2023 to June 12, 2023.</p> <p>Purpose: To modify MMP 23-23 to change the termination date for HCBS settings requirements authorized under the MI Health Link Appendix K in policy.</p> <p>Cost Implications: Budget neutral</p> <p>Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: N/A</p>
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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
	<input type="checkbox"/> See Comments in Text

Signature:	Phone Number
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Bureau/Administration <i>(please print)</i>	Date
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Bulletin Number: MMP 23-40

Distribution: Integrated Care Organizations

Issued: June 9, 2023

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Effective: As Indicated

Programs Affected: MI Health Link Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

NOTE: Portions of this bulletin are contingent upon Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of a 1915c waiver amendment.

This policy modifies bulletin [MMP 23-23](#), which notified providers of the intent by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to implement permanently, implement permanently with revisions, or terminate each of the temporary flexibilities authorized under the MI Health Link (MHL) 1915c waiver, Appendix K. Effective dates of these changes were indicated in the bulletin.

The purpose of the temporary flexibilities was to protect and maintain the health and welfare of enrollees and providers during the COVID-19 federal Public Health Emergency (PHE). MDHHS intends to end portions of the temporary policies prior to the current end date of the authorized MHL Appendix K. When flexibilities are terminated, the related requirements as described in the 1915c waiver application would be restored.

The termination date of one category of flexibilities has been adjusted as noted below.

- Waiving Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) settings requirements was previously scheduled to end six months following the termination of the Public Health Emergency (November 11, 2023). The termination date of the flexibilities in this category has been changed to June 12, 2023.

Enrollee Notice of Termination of Temporary Flexibilities

Advance notices will be provided by MDHHS, or the ICO at the direction of MDHHS, to enrollees in the MI Health Link 1915c waiver ahead of the effective date of the termination of temporary flexibilities that have direct impact on enrollees.

Public Comment

The public comment portion of the policy promulgation process is being conducted concurrently with the implementation of the change noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the change may do so by submitting comments to Karen Everhart at EverhartK1@michigan.gov.

Please include "Update to Reversal of Temporary COVID-19 MI Health Link (MHL) 1915c Waiver Appendix K Policies" in the subject line.

Comments received will be considered for revisions to the change implemented by this bulletin.

Manual Maintenance

Information is time-limited and will not be incorporated into any policy or procedure manuals.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mailed to ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Typical Providers may phone toll-free 800-292-2550. Atypical Providers may phone toll-free 800-979-4662.

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