

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

This bulletin provides notification to nursing facilities that Bulletin MSA 21-43 – COVID-19 Response: Change to Non-Available Bed Plan Policy will remain in effect until September 30, 2025.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

To allow nursing facilities more flexibility with their non-available bed designations as they continue to experience the effects of the public health emergency.

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?

Yes - Financial Operations Administration.

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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Date: Approval Date:	

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	Project Number: 2354-NF	Date: February 6, 2024

Comments Due: March 11, 2024
Proposed Effective Date: October 1, 2024
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Policy Subject: Non-Available Bed Plan Policy Extension Affected Programs: Medicaid Distribution: Nursing Facilities Summary: This bulletin provides notification to nursing facilities that the non-available bed plan policy MSA 21-43 will remain in effect until September 30, 2025. Purpose: To allow facilities more flexibility with their non-available bed designations as they continue to experience the effects of the public health emergency. Cost Implications: Budget Neutral Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: None

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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - 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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Proposed Policy Draft

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

Distribution: Nursing Facilities

Issued: September 1, 2024 (Proposed)

Subject: Non-Available Bed Plan Policy Extension

Effective: October 1, 2024 (Proposed)

Programs Affected: Medicaid

Bulletin [MSA 21-43](#) notified nursing facility providers of temporary changes to the non-available bed plan policies to allow nursing facilities to be more selective in their non-available bed designations and offer more flexibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This policy has been in effect since October 1, 2021 and was scheduled to end September 30, 2024. This bulletin provides notification to all nursing facility providers that MSA 21-43 will remain in effect until September 30, 2025. No future extensions are expected beyond this date; therefore, providers are encouraged to plan accordingly.

The guidance provided in bulletin [MSA 21-43](#) and updated in bulletin [HASA 22-04](#) regarding the use and changes to non-available bed designations remains unchanged with the following exception: Instead of allowing only four extensions of six months each, a nursing facility may now request up to six extensions of six months each.