

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial ☐

Public Comment ☒

Final ☐

Brief description of policy:

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Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

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Budget implication:

- ☐ budget neutral
☒ will cost MDHHS \$ Unknown, and is not 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:
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	
Date: Approval Date:	

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COMMENT**

**Michigan Department of
Health and Human Services**

Project Number: 2509-NF

Date: May 21, 2025

Comments Due: June 25, 2025

Proposed Effective Date: As Indicated

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Policy Subject: Allowable Costs

Affected Programs: Medicaid

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Cost Implications: Unknown

Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues:

State Plan Amendment Required: Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, date submitted:

Public Notice Required: Yes ☐ No ☒
Submitted date:

Tribal Notification: Yes ☐ No ☒ - **Date:**

THIS SECTION COMPLETED BY RECEIVER

☐ **Approved**

☐ **No Comments**

☐ **See Comments Below**

☐ **Disapproved**

☐ **See Comments in Text**

Signature:

Phone Number

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Bureau/Administration (please print)

Date

Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Health Services

Distribution: Nursing Facilities

Issued: July 1, 2025 (Proposed)

Subject: Allowable Costs

Effective: As Indicated (Proposed)

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Medication Aide

A medication aide is a nurse aide who holds a registration to regularly administer scheduled medications to residents of a nursing home or skilled nursing facility while under the supervision of a licensed registered professional nurse.

Public Act 273 of 2023 outlines the requirements for the State of Michigan to provide a medication aide certification and training program. These requirements went into effect on March 7, 2024. The authority for these requirements can be found in the Michigan Public Health Code, Part 219 beginning in section 333.21901. Effective March 7, 2024, the medication aide training and registration fees found in MCL - Section 333.21920 are considered an allowable support cost on the NF cost report. Allowable costs will include the fees for registration, training, examination, and certification renewal for certified medication aide staff either paid directly by the nursing facility or reimbursed to the employee. Travel-related costs for staff to attend training or testing, or any costs the provider may incur in attempting to become a medication aide trainer or training site, are not allowable and will be removed from the cost report. Documentation may be required during the audit process.

Per the guidelines, a nurse aide must hold a current registration and have worked at least 2,000 hours during the 2-year period immediately preceding the date of registration to be eligible for registration in a medication aide training program. A person may not engage in practice as a medication aide or a medication aide trainer without the appropriate registration or permits. All medication aide training programs must be approved by the Bureau of Community and Health Systems (BCHS). All approved training programs can be found on the BCHS website at [Medication Aide Trainers and Training Programs](#).

Durable Medical Equipment

The Nursing Facility Cost Reporting and Reimbursement Appendix of the [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services \(MDHHS\) Medicaid Provider Manual](#), Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Orthotics and Prosthetics section, lists medical supplies, DME, orthotics, and prosthetics that are considered non-allowable costs that must be directly billed by the medical DMEPOS provider.

Effective December 1, 2024, the following items are considered allowable costs when medically necessary and ordered by a physician, and may be included as part of the nursing facility per diem:

- Bilevel positive airway pressure (BiPAP) device
- Some surgical supplies are now covered

Failure to provide adequate documentation of necessary medical need of any DME may result in the cost being rejected during the audit process. For a complete list of items covered by the nursing facility per diem, refer to the [Nursing Facility Per Diem Codes](#) list.