

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial ☐

Public Comment ☒

Final ☐

Brief description of policy:

The purpose of this policy is to update the eligibility criteria for the Flint Water Medicaid group. As a result of this change, an individual will need to have been served by the Flint water system between April 1, 2014, and September 30, 2025, to be eligible for the Flint Water Group.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

The United States Environmental Protection Agency lifted the emergency order on drinking water in the City of Flint on May 19, 2025.

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?

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 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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DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Michigan Department of Health and Human Services		
	Project Number: 2539-Eligibility	Date: July 22, 2025

Comments Due: August 26, 2025
Proposed Effective Date: October 1, 2025
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Policy Subject: Flint Water Group Eligibility Criteria Update Affected Programs: Medicaid (Flint Water Group) Distribution: All Providers, Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders Summary: The purpose of this policy is to update the eligibility criteria for the Flint Water Medicaid group. As a result of this change, an individual will need to have been served by the Flint water system between April 1, 2014, and September 30, 2025, to be eligible for the Flint Water Group. Purpose: To update Flint Water Group eligibility criteria to reflect that the United States Environmental Protection Agency has lifted the emergency order on drinking water from the Flint water system. Cost Implications: Budget neutral. Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: None.
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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 ☐ No ☒ - **Date:**

THIS SECTION COMPLETED BY RECEIVER

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> No Comments
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Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Health Services

Distribution: All Providers, Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders

Issued: August 29, 2025 (proposed)

Subject: Flint Water Group Eligibility Criteria Update

Effective: October 1, 2025 (proposed)

Programs Affected: Medicaid (Flint Water Group)

The United States Environmental Protection Agency lifted the emergency order on drinking water in the City of Flint on May 19, 2025. As a result of the change, an individual will need to have been served by the Flint water system between April 1, 2014, and September 30, 2025, to be eligible for the Flint Water Group.

An individual was served by the Flint water system if he or she consumed water drawn from the Flint water system and:

- resided in a dwelling connected to the Flint water system,
- had employment by an entity served by the Flint water system, or
- received child care or education in a dwelling/structure connected to the Flint water system.

Eligibility is also available to children born to pregnant women served by the Flint water system during the specified time-period, as long as the other eligibility requirements above are met.