

## Skilled Nursing

### Important Proposed Medicaid Policies Issued

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Medical Services Administration, has issued four proposed Medicaid policy changes that will impact providers in the near future. The policies affected are 1) Asset Verification Program; 2) Modernizing Continuum of Care – Changes to Eligibility Inquiry/Response Transactions and Unique Health Plan Identifier; 3) Elimination of the Paper Version of the Facility Admission Notice; and 4) Modernizing Continuum of Care Project.

[17-02 – Asset Verification Program \(AVP\)](#): Effective January 1, 2018, MDHHS will utilize an asset verification program to ascertain unreported assets belonging to individuals applying for Medicaid coverage or seeking to sustain coverage in the AFDC and SSI-related Medicaid categories requiring asset tests for eligibility.

[17-17 – Modernizing Continuum of Care \(MCC\) - Changes to Eligibility Inquiry/Response Transactions and Unique Health Plan Identifier](#): Effective January 2, 2018, three changes in CHAMPS will be implemented for the MCC project. The changes are: 1) Managed care entities, including the Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plans (MI Choice Waiver Agencies) will move to a single CHAMPS identification number; 2) Level of Care Codes in CHAMPS will be replaced by Program Enrollment Type (PET) codes to identify a Medicaid beneficiary's type of admission or managed care enrollment (crosswalk included in the bulletin); and 3) Patient Pay Amounts (PPA) will be provided in a new "Patient Pay" section at the bottom of the eligibility response page.

[17-18 – Elimination of the Paper Version of the Facility Admission Notice \(MSA-2565-C\)](#): Effective December 15, 2017, MDHHS will no longer accept the paper 2565 go process facility admissions and local eligibility workers will no longer enter admissions into Bridges after December 29, 2017 if received on a paper 2565. Effective January 2, 2018, hospice, hospital nursing facility, MI Choice waiver agencies and PACE providers will enter admissions/enrollments directly into CHAMPS. The goal is to eliminate issues, including delays, occurring in the paper process. Instructions on entering information is provided in the bulletin.

[17-19 – Modernizing Continuum of Care \(MCC\) Project](#): This bulletin provides new policies and procedures associated with the implementation of the CHAMPS MCC project. Details of changes that will be incorporated into CHAMPS are included in this bulletin. In addition to the changes related to the PET codes and providers entering admissions/discharges or enrollments/disenrollments into CHAMPS, providers will also be able to view a roster of all the individuals for whom they have submitted information into CHAMPS. If a nursing facility enters admission information into CHAMPS for a person who does not have active or pending Medicaid eligibility, a DHS-4574 (Medicaid Application Patient of Nursing Facility) will be automatically generated and mailed to the person.

Specific information for nursing facilities is included in the bulletin related to admissions and discharges. Providers must enter discharge information into CHAMPs in order for the beneficiary to be able to avoid access to care issues for other needs.

MI Choice waiver agencies will see the elimination of the enrollment and disenrollment notification forms (MSA -0814 and MSA-0815). They will begin processing enrollments and disenrollments in CHAMPs effective December 15, 2017.

PACE enrollments and disenrollments will no longer be accepted by MDHHS staff after December 21, 2017. The required signed documents will be uploaded by the PACE organizations at the time of enrollments and disenrollments in CHAMPs.

Level of Care Determination (LOCD) policy remains in effect with MCC. However, providers will be able to see the LOCDs conducted by another provider but a new LOCD must be conducted and entered to establish LOCD eligibility for services.

Comments are due on all of these proposed policies by October 17, 2017. If you have comments, you may send them directly to Medicaid according to the information in the proposed policy or if you prefer, you can provide comments to [Susan@leadingagemichigan.org](mailto:Susan@leadingagemichigan.org) and they will be conveyed appropriately.

Proposed policy changes listed for public comment can be found on the [MDHHS website](#).