

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended, and consultation guidelines for Medicaid policy provide an opportunity to review proposed changes in Medicaid policies and procedures.

Please review the policy summary and the attached materials that describe the specific changes being proposed. Let us know why you support the change or oppose the change.

Submit your comments to the analyst by the due date specified. Your comments must be received by the due date to be considered for the final policy bulletin.

Thank you for participating in the consultation process.



Director, Program Policy Division
Bureau of Medicaid Policy, Operations, and Actuarial Services

Project Number:	2208-Eligibility	Comments Due:	March 31, 2022	Proposed Effective Date:	As Indicated
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Policy Subject: Postpartum Extension from 60 Days to 12 Months

Affected Programs: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan

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

Policy Summary: The purpose of this bulletin is to update Medicaid policy to extend the current 60 days postpartum coverage for qualified individuals to 12 months postpartum coverage following the month the pregnancy ends regardless of the reason (for example, live birth, miscarriage, stillborn) effective April 1, 2022. Eligibility factors for the program remain unchanged.

Purpose: To improve the quality of maternal health care and address disparities in health outcomes by extending the current two months postpartum coverage to 12 months for qualified individuals. The eligibility for this category remains unchanged.

Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Health and Aging Services Administration

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Issued: April 1, 2022 (Proposed)

Subject: Postpartum Extension from 60 Days to 12 Months

Effective: As Indicated (Proposed)

Programs Affected: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will extend the current postpartum coverage for qualified pregnant women from 60 days to 12 months beginning April 1, 2022. This will be accomplished through a State Plan Amendment (SPA) request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under the authority of 42 CFR 440.345.

This change is an update to the Bridges Eligibility Manual Item 125 and 126. This update will change current language from two calendar months to twelve calendar months following the month her pregnancy ended regardless of the reason (for example, live birth, miscarriage, stillborn).