

# Monthly Provider Update

May 2025

## **Go Paperless! Get the Monthly Provider Update by Email**

Providers can now sign up to receive monthly updates via email by filling out [the form on our Bulletins page](#).



**Did you miss an update?** You can locate Monthly Provider Updates from previous months and applicable supplemental bulletins in the **archive section of the Bulletins page**, or see full details of any ongoing reminders on the **Ongoing Reminders page**.

Please be sure to regularly check the **Bulletins page** on [mimeridian.com](http://mimeridian.com) for important **Medicaid and Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP)** provider updates. Policy changes, fee schedule updates, and urgent notices are posted throughout the month.

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This month, we have important updates about recently **updated prior authorization requirements**, preventative **health resources for chronic kidney disease**, reminders regarding **balance billing**, and upcoming **CME-eligible education opportunities**.

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## Upcoming Webinars and Events

*Additional details and links to 2025 webinars are available on our bulletins page*

### **Monthly Provider Webinars:**

- Wednesday, June 4, 9-10 am EST
- Wednesday, July 2, 9-10 am EST

### **Bi-Weekly Provider Orientation Webinars:**

- Thursday, May 29, 12 pm EST
- Thursday, June 12, 8 am EST

## **Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma-Informed Care**

You're invited to attend the "Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma-Informed Care" webinar to learn how trauma can impact your patients' experience. **Join us on June 18th, 2025**, to learn how to recognize signs and symptoms and how to implement the elements of a trauma-informed approach in your daily clinical practice. **This course is eligible for Continuing Medical Education credit and has no fee to attend.** More information and a link to register is available on our Bulletins page.

## Market-Wide Updates

### Help Support Kidney Health with the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFMI) has a **suite of resources and workshops** designed to raise awareness and provide resources for chronic kidney disease. The **Cooking Matters at the Store (CMATS)** and the **Kidney Personal Action Toward Health (Kidney-PATH)** workshops are evidence-based and aim to equip your patients with practical dietary education and **resources to better support individuals at risk for or living with CKD**. For more information to engage your patients, program details are linked on our Bulletins page.

### Measurement Year 2025 (MY 2025) HEDIS® Behavioral Health Measure Specification Updates

**May is Mental Health Awareness Month**, and Meridian is sharing **tip sheets to support behavioral health expansion criteria**, including qualifying diagnoses and types of follow-up care. These efforts align follow-up measures to **ensure a more consistent approach to evaluating care** across various settings. See the informational flyers on our Bulletins page for more details.

### Reference Guide: Appeals/Reconsiderations vs. Corrected Claims

Meridian Provider Relations has created a reference guide overview of **appeal submission vs. corrected claim submission**, and the purpose of each of these processes. To **ensure timely processing of claim modifications and/or review of submitted claims**, please see our bulletins page for the full guide.

## Meridian (Michigan Medicaid) Updates

### Prior Authorization Changes (Effective 7/1)

Meridian Medicaid has **several prior authorization updates for outpatient services that will go into effect July 1, 2025**. For a **full list of applicable codes** with changing prior authorization requirements, please see our bulletins page.

### Medicaid Member Balance Billing

As a reminder, **providers should follow all MDHHS rules protecting Medicaid recipients from balance billing**. See our bulletins page for definitions, along with **processes and guidelines to avoid billing Meridian Medicaid members**.

### 2025 InterQual Criteria Update

Effective **June 30, 2025**, Meridian **will transition from 2024 to 2025 InterQual Criteria**. Please review the Summary of Changes available on our bulletins page.

*(Medicaid updates continued on next page)*

# Meridian (Michigan Medicaid) Updates (Contd.)

## Diabetic Supply Reference Guide Update for 2025

Meridian is updating the **Meridian Michigan Medicaid Diabetic Supply Information & Reference Guide** for 2025. In the past, with previous bulletins and communications from Meridian in 2024 we highlighted specific diabetic supplies, and indicated these supplies were covered by the member's pharmacy benefit and/or medical benefit. The full supplemental bulletin with additional information and the Diabetic Supply Reference Guide Update for 2025 are available on our Bulletins page

## May 2025 Michigan Medicaid Single Preferred Drug List Formulary Changes

For your awareness, **changes to our formulary have gone into effect as of 5/1/2025**. As a reminder, these changes have been previously communicated by the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) and are in effect for all Michigan Medicaid managed care plans. These changes include **drugs that have been added, removed, or had utilization management restrictions adjusted** for preferred and non-preferred medications on the Single Preferred Drug List (SPDL). Please see the full supplemental bulletin for the complete description of formulary changes.

## Insulin Syringe & Pen Needle Coverage Changes (Effective 8/1/2025)

Meridian would like to inform all prescribers and pharmacies that **the coverage of certain insulin syringes and pen needle products is changing on 08/01/2025 for all members**. Effective on 08/01/2025, **insulin syringes and pen needles other than Embecta (formerly known as B.D.) branded products will be removed from the formulary** (list of covered medications). Please refer to the full supplemental bulletin page for information regarding specific medication changes and alternative preferred insulin syringe and pen needle products.

## Public Comments to MDHHS on Michigan Medicaid Common Formulary/Single Preferred Drug List Q2 2025

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is **soliciting comments from the public on the Michigan Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary**. The public (including Medicaid providers) **may submit comments** on the drugs included or not included on the Common Formulary, new drug products, prior authorization criteria, step therapy criteria and other topics related to drug coverage under the Common Formulary. **Please send your comments to MDHHS by June 13, 2025**, further information and instructions for submission are available on our bulletins page.

## In Case You Missed It

Additional details can be found on our [Ongoing Reminders Page](#)

- **Recent Prior Authorization, Billing, and Policy Updates:**
  - Prior Authorization Required for B4162, S9379, B4155, 0200T, 0201T, B4162, 22899 (Effective 4/20/2025)
  - New Clinical Policies effective 5/16/2025 – see Ongoing Reminders page for full list and more details.
- **Pediatric Oral Health:** See the ongoing reminders page for information regarding **reimbursement for oral health screenings and fluoride treatments** for patients ages zero to three, and **training for integrating oral health into your medical practice**.
- **Hepatitis C Virus Program:** The **recommended treatment for HCV is Mavyret**, which can be dispensed in eight-week supply. Providers who have prescriptive authority can prescribe Mavyret to their patients with a positive Hepatitis C diagnosis. **Prior authorization is not required for Medicaid.**
- **Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) Dedicated Care Management:** All MMP members have a **dedicated care manager** who is a registered nurse or licensed social worker **assigned to support them with their healthcare needs**, navigating the healthcare system, and assisting with resources for SDoH needs.

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