

Monthly Provider Update

July 2025

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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**.

This month, we have important updates about recently **updated and newly adopted clinical policies**, upcoming **Medicaid Formulary Changes**, details regarding **changes to diabetic supply coverage**, and health education and **resources for PrEP, CKD, and pediatric oral health**.

Monthly Provider Webinars

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

Wednesday, August 6, 9-10 am EST

Wednesday, September 3, 9-10 am EST

Market-Wide Updates

NCQA Ready-Set-Test Campaign

Meridian is committed to supporting you with high-quality resources. We're sharing **a valuable NCQA guide on diabetes and CKD testing**—please take a moment to review and help improve patient outcomes. This resource is now available on our bulletins page under Supplemental Materials.

Maternal Mental Health

Would you like **free help with supporting the mental health of your prenatal and postpartum patients**? MC3 offers **same-day psychiatry consultations** for providers. MC3 also offers **immediate mental health counseling for pregnant and postpartum patients**. Please see <https://mc3michigan.org/services/> for more details.

Optum Prepayment Claim Review

We have partnered with Optum to perform **prepayment claim review**. For claims received on or after **8/1/2025**, providers may **experience a slight increase in written requests for medical records**. Please see the Bulletins page for more details on the claim review process.

Meridian (Michigan Medicaid) Updates

Vaccines for Children (VFC) State Regulations

As a reminder, **no charges should be imposed for vaccines/toxoids purchased with federal funding under the VFC program.** Billing for VFC vaccine production, especially with a positive dollar amount, is considered a violation of policy. Please see our bulletins page for an overview of federal requirements for the VFC program.

August 2025 Michigan Medicaid SPDL Formulary Changes

Michigan Meridian Medicaid would like to share **changes to our formulary, effective 8/1/2025.** As a reminder, these changes have been previously communicated by Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) and are **effective 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 material** on our Bulletins page on mimeridian.com for the **complete description of formulary changes.**

Meridian MI Medicaid – Diabetic Supply Reference Guide: Update for July 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.

Highlights of Recent Changes for the pharmacy benefit for MI Meridian Medicaid members:

- **Effective 8/1/2025, only Embecta (formerly known as B.D.) branded insulin syringe and pen needles will be preferred** and covered without prior authorization.
- **Effective 10/1/2025, only Accu-Chek Guide branded diabetic test strips and glucometers will be preferred** and covered without prior authorization, within quantity limits of 250 test strips per 30 days.
- **As of 7/7/2025, Accu-Chek Guide diabetic test strips and glucometers will be co-preferred with OneTouch Verio test strips and glucometers,** enabling product transition for members, pharmacies, and prescribers between 7/7/2025 and 10/01/2025 when OneTouch Verio will be removed from the formulary.

Please see the full supplemental bulletin on mimeridian.com for more information on diabetic test strip coverage changes, and the Diabetic Supply Reference Guide Update for 2025.

Recently Adopted Clinical Policies (Effective August 22)

Several clinical policies were recently adopted by Meridian Medicaid, and **other policies have been updated.** The criteria within these policies **may impact the prior authorization process.** You can view these policies and policy revisions on the Clinical Policies page on our website once they are in effect on August 22, 2025. A full list of the effected policies and a direct link to the Clinical & Payment Policies page will be available on the Bulletins page.

Michigan Medicaid Mental Health Framework

Please see our bulletins page for **recently released information** from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) outlining **updates to the Michigan Medicaid Mental Health Framework.** This communication provides important guidance and details related to the state's approach to improving access, integration, and quality of mental health services. We encourage all mental health providers to review the bulletin.

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis and HIV Prevention

Meridian is focused on improving members' health and reducing the spread of HIV. Our **“How Do You PrEP” flyer** provides an **overview of currently available Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Medication**, provides links for **more information on PrEP**, and additional criteria used to determine **if your patient(s) may be good candidate(s) to take PrEP**. Please see the link on our bulletins page to download the flyer.

Pediatric Oral Health

Did you know you can get **reimbursed for oral health screenings and fluoride varnish services** for patients aged zero to three? Fluoride varnish can be **successfully integrated into medical practice** with the commitment and openness of PCPs and staff, along with training. Visit www.SmilesforLifeOralHealth.org for online courses and resources.

MeridianComplete (Michigan Medicare-Medicaid Plan) Updates

Questions about MeridianComplete's Quality Programs?

You may request a **complete copy of MeridianComplete's quality improvement program**, annual quality program evaluation, and clinical practice guidelines by calling the Quality Department at 1-855-323-4578 (TTY: 711), Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In Case You Missed It

Additional details can be found on our Ongoing Reminders Page

- **The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM)** has a suite of resources and workshops designed to raise awareness and provide resources for chronic kidney disease.
- **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.**
- Meridian has updated the **Meridian Michigan Medicaid Diabetic Supply Information & Reference Guide** for 2025
- **Recent Prior Authorization, Billing, and Policy Updates:**
 - Prior Authorization Required for B4162, S9379, B4155, O200T, O201T, B4162, 22899 (Effective 4/20/2025)
 - New Clinical Policies effective 5/16/2025 – see Ongoing Reminders page for full list and more details.
 - Prior Authorization required for all Unlisted CPT Codes (Effective 7/21/2025)
 - Prior Authorization required for 01966 – Anesthesia for Induced Abortion (Effective 7/21/2025)

Please be sure to **regularly check the Bulletins page** on mimeridian.com for important provider updates. Policy changes, fee schedule updates, and urgent notices are **posted throughout the month**.
