

Monthly Provider Update

September 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 prior authorization requirements**, upcoming **training and education opportunities regarding CKD, HCV, and diabetes**, updates regarding **RSV vaccine recommendations**, and the newly introduced **Inside the Patient Perspective section**.

Market-Wide Updates

MIRACLE Center

Meridian supports the MIRACLE Center's goal to **scale up best practices in maternal health** through an implementation trial of **community-based maternal safety bundles**. If you or your organization **offer services to pregnant and/or postpartum patients** in Berrien, Calhoun, Ingham, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Macomb, Muskegon, Oakland, Saginaw, Washtenaw, or Wayne County, we encourage you to **review the flyer on our Bulletins page** to learn more about the MIRACLE Center's work and **complete their annual survey**.



Monthly Provider Webinars

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

Wednesday, October 1, 9-10 am EST
Wednesday, November 5, 9-10 am EST

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.

Access and Availability Audit

At least annually, Meridian evaluates the ease that enrollees have in obtaining health care services from Meridian primary care, specialty care, and behavioral health providers. Access to various appointments is defined by State, Federal, and Accrediting bodies. These standards are available in the Meridian Provider Manual and **compiled for you in a support resource on the bulletins page**.

Inside the Patient Perspective

This month's spotlight is on **Access to Care**, a key CAHPS® measure that reflects how easily patients can get the services they need.

Learn how improving access can **boost patient retention, enhance ratings, and support accreditation.**

Plus, explore best practices and frontline tips to make a meaningful impact.

Check out the latest edition of this update on our Bulletins page!

Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Awareness

At Meridian, we are dedicated to **empowering providers with information essential for success in the critical role of caring for families**. As part of our ongoing commitment to integrity and transparency, we want to take a moment to **highlight the important role you play in helping us prevent fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA)**. Please see our bulletins page for resources and education regarding these initiatives.

Meridian (Medicaid) Updates

Preferred Diabetic Test Strips and Glucometer Changes (Effective 10/1/2025)

Meridian would like to inform all prescribers and pharmacies that the **coverage of preferred blood glucose test strips is changing for all Michigan Meridian Medicaid members.**

Effective 10/01/2025, OneTouch Verio Blood Glucose Test Strips will be removed from the formulary (list of covered medications). Starting on 07/07/2025, Accu-Chek Guide Test Strips and Glucometers have been co-preferred with OneTouch Verio Test Strips, **enabling product transition for Michigan Meridian Medicaid members to move from OneTouch Verio to Accu-Chek Guide products.**

Starting on 10/01/2025, the only preferred blood glucose test strips and glucometers will be Accu-Chek Guide Test Strips, along with Accu-Chek Guide and Guide Me glucometers. This applies under the pharmacy benefit only for Michigan Meridian Medicaid members. Please refer to the **supplemental materials document *Michigan Meridian Medicaid Diabetic Supply Reference Guide (September 2025 Update)*** for more information regarding diabetic testing supply changes.

Important Prior Authorization Requirement Updates

Effective October 15, 2025, Meridian is introducing some important updates to our PA requirements. This work is aligned with broader industry efforts, **driven by commitments to regulatory agencies and America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), to modernize and streamline** prior authorization. These changes may include:

- Removing PA requirements based on criticality of review and clinical need.
- Creating a more uniform set of prior authorization requirements across our markets and lines of businesses, including adding and changing some PA requirements, to simplify processes, reduce confusion for providers, and support future efforts to expand real-time responses to requests.

In addition, effective October 30, 2025, **Meridian will require prior authorization for several skin substitute billing codes.** Please refer to our bulletins page for **a full list of affected codes** for both initiatives.

National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

The United States Preventive Services Task Force has recommended that clinicians **screen for obesity in children** starting at the age of 6 years and older and **refer them to comprehensive interventions to promote improvements in weight status**. Here at Meridian, **we offer Weight Management benefits, available to all members**. If interested, Meridian members can contact Meridian Member Services at 1-888-437-0606 (TTY: 711) to be referred to a health coach and start improving today.

In Case You Missed It

Additional details can be found on our Ongoing Reminders Page

- **RSV Season 2025-2026:** Our pharmacy team has created a **summary of RSV-related immunization updates and information on coverage** under medical and pharmacy benefits for RSV vaccines and RSV monoclonal antibodies used for immunization.
- Please consult the **NCQA Ready-Set-Test Campaign**, a valuable **NCQA guide on diabetes and CKD testing**
- The **Michigan Medicaid SPDL Formulary** has been updated as of 8/1/2025. These changes include **drugs that have been added, removed, or had utilization management restrictions adjusted** for preferred and non-preferred medications
- 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**.
- **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.**
- Get **reimbursement for pediatric oral health screenings and fluoride varnish services** for patients aged zero to three
- **Recent Prior Authorization, Billing, and Policy Updates:**
 - Prior Authorization required for certain skin substitute codes effective 10/16/2025 – see Ongoing reminders page for full list and more details.
 - New Clinical Policies effective 8/22/2025 – 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)