

Monthly Provider Update

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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 including **upcoming plan transitions, training and education opportunities for maternal mental health**, and updates regarding **GLP-1 Agent Medication Coverage**.

Market-Wide Updates



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HIDE D-SNP Plan Launching 1/1/2026

Beginning 1/1/2026, we **are transitioning, along with MDHHS, from our Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) MeridianComplete to WellCare by Meridian**, which includes a Highly Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (**HIDE D-SNP**), **Wellcare Meridian Dual Align**. As we transition, we will have **further information about ongoing training and information around new aspects of the program**, including Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS), available on our Bulletins page.



Upcoming Events

Additional details, registration information, and links to 2025 webinars are on our bulletins page

Monthly Provider Webinar

Wednesday, January 7, 9-10 am EST

Wednesday, February 4, 9-10 am EST

Review Criteria Change: New Patient to Established Patient Denial - EXw4

We have made the following criteria changes to our claim review process: **New Patient to Established Patient Denial**. This is a correct coding edit, backed by CMS, in denial of new patient CPT codes if the member is not a new patient. For more information, please see our Bulletins page.

Meridian (Medicaid) Updates

New Look for Meridian ID Cards

Starting January 1, 2026, **Meridian ID cards will feature a new design**. New members will receive an updated ID card. Existing members will receive the new design only if they request a replacement card. **We will not be issuing new cards to all current members at this time, so you may continue to see the previous design** for members who joined in 2025 or earlier.



MI Medicaid Anti-Obesity/Weight Loss GLP-1 Agent Benefit Reduction

Effective 01/01/2026, Michigan (MI) **Medicaid pharmacy drug coverage of GLP-1 agonist agents** Wegovy, Zepbound, Saxenda, and liraglutide generic for Saxenda, **when used exclusively for the treatment of obesity, is changing in accordance with requirements from the State of Michigan 2026 Budget Legislation**. This is applicable to all Michigan Medicaid beneficiaries including fee-for-service Medicaid, and managed care plan members. **For more details on coverage criteria, prior authorization processes, and a full overview from MDHHS, please see our Bulletins page.**

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 statewide at no cost through same day phone consultations. Please see the MC3 website (direct link on our Bulletins page) for more details.

In Case You Missed It

Additional details can be found on our Ongoing Reminders Page

- We are preparing for our **2025 HEDIS Hybrid Project** that will run **from January 2026 to April 2026**. **Your office may be contacted** during this timeframe **for records with dates of service in 2025 and prior** that were not already captured by claims.
- **Flu season is approaching**, and **vaccinations remain one of the most effective ways** to protect patients and communities.
- **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.
- 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

In Case You Missed It (cont'd)

- **The coverage of certain insulin syringes and pen needle products** has changed as of 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 have been removed from the formulary.**
- **Coverage of OneTouch Diabetic Test Strips has changed as of 10/01/2025** for all members. **Effective 10/01/2025, OneTouch Diabetic Test Strips have been removed from the formulary** (list of covered medications). Starting on 10/01/2025, the **preferred diabetic test strips and glucometers is Accu-Chek Guide Test Strips, along with Accu-Chek Guide and Guide Me branded glucometers.** This applies under the pharmacy benefit for Michigan Meridian Medicaid members.
- **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.