

Monthly Provider Update

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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 including our **Medicaid prior authorization updates**, key clinical reminders for **kidney and colorectal health, and fraud, waste, and abuse billing guidance**.

Market-Wide Updates

Demographic Update Requirements

When submitting demographic changes, please note that updates to **service locations do not automatically update billing or remittance addresses**. To ensure Meridian processes your request accurately, each demographic change should be **separately and clearly** identified by using the drop-down options provided in our Change Form template. For more details and a link to the demographic change form, please see our bulletins page.

Patient Experience Provider Summits

Meridian's CEO, CMO, and Quality team will present with in-depth discussions on the **importance of an excellent patient experience**. Enjoy light refreshments and network with other providers. See the flyers on our bulletins page for more information!

National Kidney Foundation of Michigan: Kidney Series Grand Rounds

Join the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan and Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine to **learn more on supporting excellence in kidney care and clinical practice**. See our bulletins page for a downloadable flyer and a link to register for upcoming sessions.



Upcoming Events

Additional details, registration information, and webinar links are on our bulletins page

Monthly Provider Webinar

Wednesday, April 1, 9-10 am EST

Patient Experience Provider Summit

Southgate, MI | April 24, 1-4 pm

Grand Rapids, MI | May 1, 1-4 pm

Chelsea, MI | May 8, 1-4 pm

Colon Cancer Awareness Month: Close the COL-E Care Gap

Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-E) measures the percentage of members ages 45–75 who complete an appropriate colorectal cancer screening. **Early detection through recommended screening options including FIT/FOBT, stool DNA testing, or colonoscopy can prevent cancer** or identify it at an earlier, more treatable stage. Please review your panel for members with open COL-E gaps and support timely screening, documentation, and claims submission to ensure accurate HEDIS® reporting.

Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Reminder

Common billing errors identified during Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (FWA) reviews typically include upcoding services beyond what documentation supports, unbundling services that should be billed under a single comprehensive code, billing for services not rendered or not properly documented, duplicate billing, lack of medical necessity, and incorrect or abusive modifier usage (especially modifiers 25 and 59).

Reviews also frequently uncover improper place of service billing, incident to violations, services billed under excluded or non-credentialed providers, cloned or templated documentation, diagnosis codes added solely to justify payment, time-based billing inaccuracies, DME and supply overbilling, and late or incomplete records. **When these issues occur in isolation they may be categorized as waste or abuse, but patterns, high error rates, financial gain, or intentional misrepresentation often elevate findings to potential fraud and prompt further SIU investigation or referral.**

Meridian (Medicaid) Updates

Billing Update for Vision Procedure Code V2531

Based on provider feedback, we will be **updating the pricing methodology for procedure code V2531**. Effective 01/01/2026, V2531 (contact lens, scleral, gas permeable, per lens) will be **reimbursed using invoice pricing** rather than a percentage of billed charges. For more information, please see our bulletins page.

Ortele Health – Medical Care from Anywhere

Ortele assists Meridian in closing care gaps with our members. If one of your patients is **seen by Ortele, you will likely be receiving a fax notification with a summary of services** to ensure continuity of care and transparency. If you have any questions about Ortele, please contact Provider Relations.

Prior Authorization Updates:

Breast Milk Storage Bags and Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation

Effective April 23, 2026, Meridian will require prior authorization for breast milk storage bags when the amount exceeds 125 bags per 25 days. Impacted code: **A4287 – Disposable collection and storage bags for breast milk.**

Effective April 20, 2026, Meridian will require prior authorization for the following transcranial magnetic stimulation code: **90869 - TCRAN MAGN STIM REDETERMINE**

In Case You Missed It

Additional details can be found on our Ongoing Reminders Page

- When **requesting prior authorization for enteral nutrition**, Meridian requires that the ordering practitioner (or designated clinical staff such as a dietitian, registered nurse, or other qualified hospital personnel) **complete the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) BPHASA2401 Medical Justification for Enteral Therapy form.**
- **Flu Season is here**, and vaccinations remain one of the most effective ways to protect patients and communities. Your relationship with your patients is one of trust and your conversations are impactful. **Please speak openly with your patients about vaccines** to help them decide what protection is best for them and the people they care about.
- **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.
- **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
- **Pharmacy Updates and Resources**
 - **A New Formulary Search tool** is available on the Provider Pharmacy page.
 - See the ongoing reminders page for an overview of Pharmacy Benefits including details on the MDHHS Michigan Medicaid Single Preferred Drug List (SPDL) and Common Formulary
 - Effective 1/1/2026 Michigan Medicaid Pharmacy drug coverage of **GLP-1 agonist agents is reduced.**
 - The **Diabetic Supply Reference Guide** has been updated as of February 2026