

Monthly Provider Update

May 2026

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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 reminders for **Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month**, notifications regarding **Policy and Prior Authorization updates**, resources and education for **kidney health**, and **dental coverage information** for our Wellcare By Meridian members.

Market-Wide Updates

Support Kidney Health with the NKF eGFR Calculator App

The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) offers an **eGFR Calculator App** designed to support **estimation of kidney function using multiple validated eGFR equations**. The app also includes **reference materials and clinical resources** to help clinicians **assess risk factors, identify chronic kidney disease (CKD), and support evidence-based management** aligned with KDOQI guidelines. Learn more about the **eGFR Calculator App** and available tools on our bulletins page.

Upcoming Events

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

Monthly Provider Webinar

Wednesday, June 3, 9-10 am EST

May is National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month

May is National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month, highlighting the importance of **evidence-based asthma management to improve outcomes and reduce exacerbations**. In alignment with NCQA updates, Meridian is **transitioning from the Asthma Medication Ratio (AMR) measure to the Appropriate Asthma Treatment (AAF) measure**, which emphasizes the prescription of appropriate controller medications for patients with persistent asthma. Providers play a key role in supporting measure performance by **assessing asthma severity** and ensuring guideline-concordant treatment.

Meridian (Medicaid) Updates

ADHD Assessment & Treatment Policy (CP.BH.124) Update

We continually review and update our payment and utilization policies to ensure that they are **designed to comply with industry standards** while delivering **the best patient experience to our members**. Please see our bulletins page for **details on this policy revision** Meridian will be implementing **effective 08/01/2026**. Coding changes bring policy into **alignment with other payer policies, LCD, LCA, and American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) recommendations**.

Stay Up to Date on Hepatitis C Testing

At Meridian, we're committed to supporting providers in making a meaningful difference in patient health. We encourage clinicians to **stay informed by reviewing the CDC's current Hepatitis C testing recommendations** and educational webinars. Together, we can help **promote early detection, timely treatment, and better health outcomes** for all.

Quality Improvement Annual Evaluation Available for Review

MI Meridian is committed to transparency and continuous improvement in the quality of care delivered to our members. Providers are encouraged to **review the Quality Improvement (QI) Annual Evaluation Summary**, which outlines the results of the **health plan's quality improvement activities and performance outcomes**.

The **QI Annual Evaluation Summary is available on the MI Meridian website** and can be accessed by visiting www.mimeridian.com, navigating to the Providers section, and selecting Quality Improvement, **or directly on the Bulletins page**. We encourage providers to review this information and contact their Provider Relations representative with any questions.

Prior Authorization Update: Radiology

Effective 5/22/2026, Meridian will require prior authorization for several radiology CPT codes. All policies and procedures are regularly reviewed as part of our commitment to deliver quality, cost-effective care for Meridian members. To check if an authorization is needed, please utilize our Medicaid Pre-Auth Check Tool. For the full list of affected codes, please see the Bulletins page.

Pharmacy Updates and Resources

The Meridian Michigan Medicaid Pharmacy Formulary is updated monthly and posted for reference on the Pharmacy page on our website. We also have a new formulary search tool. Click the link for "NEW: Formulary Search" to use this online searchable formulary.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is soliciting comments from the public on the Michigan Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary. The comments, submitted **by June 12, 2026** will be reviewed by MDHHS and the Michigan Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary Workgroup. **The next drug classes to be reviewed by the Workgroup include GI, P&T Miscellaneous, Diabetes and Endocrine & Metabolic**. For details and additional comment submission resources, please see our Bulletins page.

Wellcare By Meridian (HIDE D-SNP) Updates

Encouraging Dental Care for Wellcare By Meridian Patients

Good oral health plays an important role in overall health and well-being, whether patients have natural teeth or wear dentures. **Wellcare By Meridian patients have dental benefits through our partnered dental provider, DentaQuest**, covering preventive and restorative services such as routine exams, cleanings, X-rays, fillings, extractions, and more. Providers are encouraged to **remind patients to schedule regular dental visits** and address issues early to help prevent pain, infection, and other avoidable complications.

Patients can contact DentaQuest Member Services at 1-844-822-8112 (TTY: 711) Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for help with benefits or finding a participating dentist. In-network dental providers can also be located using Wellcare By Meridian's online Find a Provider tool.

In Case You Missed It

Additional details can be found on our Ongoing Reminders Page

- **NKFM Grand Rounds Series 2026:** Join the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan and Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine to learn more about supporting excellence in kidney care and clinical practice. **Next seminar is Wednesday, June 17: “Integrating CKD into the Cardiometabolic Continuum”**
- 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.**
- **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.
 - Updated Clinical Policies effective 6/15/2026 – 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
 - The **Diabetic Supply Reference Guide** has been updated as of February 2026