



Monthly Provider Update

July 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 notifications regarding **prior auth and policy changes**, resources and education for **Hep C and Kidney Disease**, and **Vaccines for Children Grant Opportunities** for Medicaid providers.

Market-Wide Updates

Hepatitis C: Early Detection Saves Lives

Hepatitis C often presents without symptoms, making **routine screening critical for early identification and treatment**.

Providers play an important role in **recommending hepatitis C testing for eligible patients**, including all adults, pregnant individuals, and those with risk factors, as **early detection and treatment can cure most infections** and help prevent serious liver disease. Take action today by identifying eligible patients, recommending hepatitis C screening, and

connecting those who test positive to appropriate follow-up care and treatment. For more information visit the We Treat Hep C resources for Michigan providers from MDHHS ([direct link on the bulletins page](#)).

Early Kidney Disease Detection for Members with Hypertension

Members with hypertension are at increased risk for chronic kidney disease (CKD), often without noticeable symptoms. **Annual kidney health testing can help detect kidney damage early** and support timely treatment.

Providers are encouraged to **order recommended kidney function tests, including eGFR and uACR, and monitor patients with high blood pressure** for signs of CKD.



Upcoming Events

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

Monthly Provider Webinar Live Training: Provider Manual

Wednesday, August 5, 9-10 am EST



Meridian (Medicaid) Updates

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

Children aged 18 years or younger who are enrolled in Medicaid or otherwise meet VFC eligibility requirements may receive vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program at no cost. Meridian is committed to increasing childhood immunization rates and **offers grant opportunities of up to \$5,000 to help pediatric, family health, and community providers become VFC-certified**. Providers interested in learning more about VFC certification and available grant opportunities are encouraged to **review the Vaccines for Children Grant flyer** on our website under “Community” or via the Bulletins page.

New Asthma Measure: Schedule Follow-Up Visits Within 30 Days

The new **Asthma Follow-Up Appointment (AAF) measure** evaluates whether members **receive a follow-up visit within 30 days of an emergency department visit for asthma**. Scheduling and completing these visits can help **improve asthma control and reduce the likelihood of future emergency department visits**. Additional resources and provider support will be available to assist with measure performance.

Prior Authorization Update: Lupron (Leuprolide)

Effective **August 11, 2026**, certain leuprolide-related codes will **not** require prior authorization when billed with a cancer diagnosis. For all other diagnoses, prior authorization **will** be required for all providers. For more information and a full list of codes, please visit our Bulletins page.

June 2026 Clinical Policy Review

Several clinical policies have undergone review with some added criteria requirements that may impact the prior authorization process. For a list of policies, including which policies have been reviewed, retired, or added, please see our bulletins page.

Wellcare (MAPD and HIDE D-SNP) Updates

Promoting Preventive Care: Annual Preventive Visits & Dental Wellness

At Meridian, we value our partnership in helping members stay healthy through preventive care. Two key services that support better health outcomes are **Annual Preventive Visits (APVs) and routine dental care**. For more on these key services, please see our bulletins page.

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, August 19 - Managing Complications of Chronic Kidney Disease: What to Watch for and When to Refer**
- **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. Patients can contact DentaQuest Member Services, or use the Find a Provider tool to find a participating dentist.
- **Recent Prior Authorization, Billing, and Policy Updates:**
 - Prior Authorization required for Medicaid for certain radiology-related codes effective 5/22/2026 – 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
 - Please review the **Diabetic Supply Reference Guide**, which has been updated as of February 2026