



Monthly Provider Update

August 2026

Go Paperless! Get the Monthly Provider Update by Email

Providers can 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 **Community Resources** and **Perinatal Telehealth**, and the **MDHHS Common Formulary comment period** for Medicaid providers.

Market-Wide Updates

Michigan 211 Organization Portal

The Michigan 211 service **connects people to information, resources and services** when they need or want to give help. People in need of assistance can access help by calling 2-1-1, visiting www.mi211.org or texting their zip code to 898-211.

Michigan 211 is rolling out its new online Organization Portal. Providers interested in **accessing the portal to update their information** can visit the Michigan 211 website or see our Bulletins page for a direct link.

Payspan: A Faster, Easier Way to Get Paid

Payspan Health is a **free solution** that helps providers **transition into electronic payments and automatic reconciliation**. Payspan offers innovative provider solutions including **faster claim payment, custom reports, and managing multiple payers**. For more on Payspan, including registration instructions, **please see the printable overview document** on our Bulletins page.



Upcoming Events

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

Monthly Provider Webinar **Live Training: Critical Incidents**

Wednesday, September 2, 9-10 am EST

October Availability Live Webinars

Pre-Service Workflow | Oct 6

Topics include eligibility & benefits and authorization

Post-Service Workflow | Oct 8

Topics include claim submission, EDI reporting, claim status and remittance viewer

Meridian (Medicaid) Updates

New Asthma Follow-Up Measure: Help Patients Stay on Track

Patients who **receive timely follow-up** after an asthma-related emergency department, urgent care, or observation visit may have **better asthma control and fewer future exacerbations**. Ensure follow-up visits are scheduled as soon as possible after discharge to assess symptoms, medications, and barriers to care. Your **timely intervention can help improve outcomes** and reduce avoidable hospital utilization.

Public Comments open for MI Medicaid MDHHS Common 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 department encourages comments from patients, providers, and others.** The Common Formulary applies to pharmacy claims paid by Medicaid Managed Care Organizations – it will not apply to claims paid through Fee-for-Service. The public may **submit comments on the drugs included or not included on the Common Formulary, new drug products, prior authorization criteria, and other topics related to drug coverage** under the Common Formulary.

The comments will be reviewed by MDHHS and the Michigan Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary Workgroup. **Changes may be made to the Common Formulary based on comments received.** Comments will be solicited once per calendar quarter. The Michigan Medicaid Health Plan Common Formulary can be found at Michigan.gov/MCOPharmacy. Please **send your comments by September 11, 2026**, to Grace Gere, Pharmacy Formulary Compliance Specialist at MDHHSCommonFormulary@michigan.gov.

Practical Perinatal Telehealth Training Sessions

Join the **Practical Perinatal Telehealth training series** presented by the Region 6 Perinatal Quality Collaborative to **learn best practices for delivering equitable, sustainable virtual maternal care**. Topics include telehealth readiness, implementation, infrastructure, and perinatal support. **Free virtual sessions will be offered throughout August and September** from 12:00–1:00 p.m. EST. To learn more and register for sessions, please see our Bulletins page.

Important Prior Authorization Updates (Effective October 1, 2026)

As part of our ongoing work to improve the prior authorization (PA) process for both providers and members, Meridian wants to share some **important updates to our PA requirements**. Please see our **Bulletins page** for more **details and a full list of affected codes**.

Dental Changes Coming January 1, 2027

In accordance with [Public Act 21 of 2026](#), **adult dental services for Medicaid members will transition from Michigan Medicaid Health Plans and be managed under the Healthy Kids Dental (HKD) program**. This change will take effect on **January 1, 2027**. Meridian will share additional information in the coming months as MDHHS continues to finalize implementation details.

New Medicaid Policy: 15-Day Readmission Review

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. Meridian will be implementing a **new 15-Day Readmission Review policy effective on or after 09/30/2026**. Please see the Bulletins page for additional details and policy information.

Wellcare (MAPD and HIDE D-SNP) Updates

Schedule Annual Preventive Care Visits Before Year-End

As year-end approaches, now is the time to **schedule eligible Wellcare and Wellcare With Meridian members for an Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) or Routine Physical Exam (RPE)**. These visits create an opportunity to identify and address care gaps, review medications, complete preventive screenings, and connect members to needed services. **Early scheduling can help ensure members complete recommended care** before year-end. For more information see the Bulletins page.

In Case You Missed It

Additional details can be found on our [Ongoing Reminders page](#)

- **Meridian offers grant opportunities of up to \$5,000** to help pediatric, family health, and community providers **become VFC-certified**.
- **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, September 16 - Food, Fitness, and Function: Lifestyle Prescriptions for Kidney Health**
- **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