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Subject: Elimination of Dispensing Fees for Medical Supplies Covered Under the Pharmacy Benefit

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Programs Affected: Medicaid, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS), Adult Benefits Waiver, Children's Special Health Care Services, and Plan First!

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform pharmacy providers of the change in reimbursement for medical supplies covered under the pharmacy benefit.

Effective March 1, 2008, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) will no longer reimburse a dispensing fee for a medical supply covered under the pharmacy benefit. While it is preferred that a medical supply is billed under the medical supply benefit, the MDCH will allow a medical supply that is currently being covered under the pharmacy benefit to remain as such, but without reimbursing a dispensing fee. This exception allows the beneficiary to continue to obtain medical supplies at the pharmacy and assist in the coordination of benefits with other insurers.

The following are examples of medical supplies that will continue to be covered under the pharmacy benefit, but without a dispensing fee being reimbursed:

- Diaphragms
- Cervical Caps
- Disposable Needles
- Inhalers, Assist Devices
- Peak Flow Meters
- Alcohol Swabs
- Syringes
- Aerochambers
- Spacers

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

Approved

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