

Michigan Medicaid beneficiaries eligibility requirements reset following recent federal legislation

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, Congress enacted the Families First Coronavirus Response Act that required state Medicaid agencies to continue health care coverage for all medical assistance programs, even if a person eligibility changed. The requirement ended on December 29, 2022, the federal Consolidated Appropriations act of 2023.

On Feb. 17, 2023, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced that that Michigan Medicaid beneficiaries will be required to renew their coverage this year. Renewals for traditional Medicaid and the Healthy Michigan Plan will begin in June 2023 and run through May 2024.

Monthly renewal notices will be sent three months prior to a beneficiaries' renewal date. Residents who no longer qualify for Medicaid will receive additional information about other affordable health coverage options.

For full details on the renewal process, including information on what Michigan Medicaid beneficiaries need to do to prepare, visit [Michigan.gov](https://www.michigan.gov)*.

If you have any questions, contact your Blue Cross Complete provider account executive or the Blue Cross Complete Provider Inquiry at 1-888-312-5713.

Michigan Medicaid Doula initiative underway

Effective Jan. 1, 2023, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services started reimbursement for doula services provided to Medicaid members. MDHHS released a bulletin on Feb. 13, 2023, that stated, Doula providers who are seeking reimbursement for providing services to

Medicaid beneficiaries are required to be registered and approved on the MDHHS Doula Registry and enrolled in CHAMPS.

MDHHS also indicated that qualified individuals, at least 18 years of age, who possess a high school diploma or equivalent can be certified by the state pending training provided by an MDHHS approved Doula training program or organization.

For additional resources on the Doula initiative visit the [MDHHS Doula initiative website](#).

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Post public health emergency Telemedicine policy update

On March 2, 2023, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services released the final [Medicaid Bulletin MMP 23-10 – Telemedicine](#)* to provide updates on program coverage of telemedicine services after the conclusion of the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

In the bulletin, MDHHS reminded Medicaid providers that all services provided via telemedicine must meet all quality and specifications as an in-person visit. Additionally, providers must ensure the privacy of the beneficiary and the security of any information shared via telemedicine is in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and other privacy and security regulations as applicable.

For full details of the bulletin, visit [michigan.gov](https://www.michigan.gov)*. If you have any questions, contact your Blue Cross Complete provider account executive or Blue Cross Complete Provider Services at 1-888-312-5713.

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