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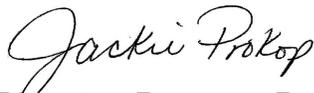
NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended, and consultation guidelines for Medicaid policy provide an opportunity to review proposed changes in Medicaid policies and procedures.

Please review the policy summary and the attached materials that describe the specific changes being proposed. Let us know why you support the change or oppose the change.

Submit your comments to the analyst by the due date specified. Your comments must be received by the due date to be considered for the final policy bulletin.

Thank you for participating in the consultation process.



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Policy Subject: Removal of Radiograph Requirement for Partial Dentures

Affected Programs: Medicaid, MICHild, Healthy Michigan Plan, Children's Special Health Care Services

Distribution: Dentists, Dental Clinics, Dental Health Plans, Medicaid Health Plans, Integrated Care Organizations, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Tribal Health Centers, Local Health Departments

Policy Summary: This policy removes the requirement to submit radiographs with prior authorization (PA) requests for partial dentures.

Purpose: This policy streamlines the PA process and aligns with the way PA requests are reviewed for other Medicaid programs, which is consistent with processes used by commercial payers.

Proposed Policy Draft

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Medical Services Administration

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This policy applies to Medicaid Fee-for-Service. Dental Health Plans (DHPs), Medicaid Health Plans (MHPs) and Integrated Care Organizations (ICOs) must provide the full range of covered services described in this policy at a minimum and may choose to provide services over and above those specified. For beneficiaries enrolled in a DHP, MHP, or ICO, the provider must check with the beneficiary's health plan for prior authorization (PA) requirements.

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers of changes to Medicaid policy regarding the radiograph requirement for partial dentures. The term of radiograph used in this policy applies to both digital images and traditional film. The changes in this policy are effective for PA requests received on or after December 1, 2021.

Radiographs are no longer required to be submitted with PA requests for partial dentures. The dentist should provide additional detailed information in the Other Pertinent Dental or Medical History section of MSA-1680-B to document occlusion, pertinent medical information, etc. when the services requested may leave unresolved questions. The dentist is responsible for ensuring the completeness and accuracy of all documentation and tooth charting submitted with a PA request. (Refer to the Dental chapter of the [Medicaid Provider Manual](#) for additional policy and coverage information.)

Reminder: Providers should not send radiographs with PA requests for complete or partial dentures. Radiographs that are not specifically requested by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services may not be returned to the provider. (Refer to the Dental chapter Medicaid Provider Manual for additional information regarding return of radiographs.)