

POLICIES AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Chapter:	Service Delivery System		
Title:	SUD Services – Out of Region Coverage		
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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to delineate the Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) stance on MSHN-Medicaid consumer coverage for beneficiaries who receive residential, withdrawal management, and/or recovery housing services outside of the MSHN region.

Policy

It is the policy of MSHN that for individuals receiving covered residential, withdrawal management, and/or recovery housing services in a licensed out of region provider, that providers take no action to change the Medicaid county of residence of the individual receiving services.

Additional Guidance:

MSHN has established contracts with certain out of region (i.e., outside of the MSHN 21-county area) substance use disorder (SUD) treatment providers for residential, withdrawal management, and/or recovery housing services. In other cases, MSHN will engage in “single-consumer” letters of agreement with providers not previously empaneled in the MSHN provider network to facilitate needed care.

It has been the historical practice of some SUD treatment providers to contact local Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) eligibility personnel to transfer the consumer’s Medicaid county of residence coverage to the county in which the treatment facility exists. Per the Medicaid Services Administration (MSA), there is no type of eligibility requirement dictating such a change in address when the consumer enters any treatment program.

The unintended consequence of switching any consumer’s Medicaid coverage temporarily to a non-MSHN county results in the consumer being assigned to a different Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) region. In addition, when the consumer leaves the SUD provider and returns home, he or she will not be able to get medical or other covered services in their home county until the Medicaid coverage is returned to the original PIHP (MSHN) assignment. This represents a barrier to treatment that should not exist for beneficiaries. The MSHN access management system should be service-driven and facilitate meeting the needs of the client without risking disengagement or constructing unnecessary barriers to benefit utilization.

MSHN has established rates for reimbursement to account for any benefits that the provider may use on behalf of the consumer, making a consumer address change initiated by the SUD provider unnecessary.

The MSHN region also contains Medicaid Health Plan (MHP) coverages (i.e., Medicaid Regional Prosperity Regions) that include all plans in the lower peninsula such that when the MSHN consumer participates in an out-of-region SUD program, adequate healthcare coverage continues to exist for that consumer.

Applies to:

- All Mid-State Health Network Staff
- Selected MSHN Staff, as follows:
- MSHN CMHSP Participants: Policy Only Policy and Procedure
- Other: Sub-contract Providers

Definitions:

- CMHSP: Community Mental Health Service Program
- MDHHS: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- MHP: Medicaid Health Plan
- MSA: Medicaid Services Administration
- MSHN: Mid-State Health Network
- PIHP: Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan
- SUD: Substance Use Disorder

Other Related Materials:

References/Legal Authority:

- MDHHS Bureaus of Substance Abuse and Addiction Services Treatment Policy #7
- MDHHS Medicaid Managed Specialty Supports and Services Concurrent 1915 (b)/(c) Waiver Program
- MDHHS Michigan Medicaid Health Plans beginning January 1, 2016
- MSHN Technical Requirement: CMHSP Responsibilities for 24/7/365 Access for Individuals with Primary Substance Use Disorders

Change Log:

Date of Change	Description of Change	Responsible Party
08.08.2016	New Policy	Utilization Mgmt. & Waiver Director
02.28.2018	Annual Review	UM Director & Director of Provider Network Management Systems
3.2019	Annual Review	Chief Clinical Officer
10.2020	Annual Review	Chief Clinical Officer
08.2022	Biennial Review	Chief Clinical Officer
08.2024	Biennial Review – updated “detoxification” to “withdrawal management” and added recovery housing services.	Utilization Management Administrator