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To: All Blue Cross Complete providers

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Subject: MDHSS updates prior authorization policy for non-routine therapy for Medicaid beneficiaries residing in a nursing facility

Effective August 1, 2023, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will remove the prior authorization requirement for non-routine therapy services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries residing in a nursing facility within 60 days of admission to the facility.

Providers must obtain PA for all therapy services provided after 60 days. Re-authorizations are required every 60 days. This change only applies to new admissions to a nursing facility.

MDHHS will also change the prescription signature requirements for non-routine therapy services rendered to Medicaid beneficiaries residing in a nursing facility. This change will expand the pool of providers who can sign the non-routine therapy prescription for a nursing facility resident.

Full details on these changes, see Bulletin [MMP 23-45](#), released on June 30, 2023.

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.

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