



Monthly Topics for February 2023

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February is American Heart Health Month

Heart disease is the [leading cause of death in the United States](#). The term "heart disease" refers to several types of heart conditions. In the United States, the most common type of heart disease is coronary artery disease (CAD), which can lead to a heart attack. You can greatly reduce your risk for heart disease through lifestyle changes and, in some cases, medicine. Heart disease may be "silent" and may not be diagnosed until a person experiences signs or symptoms of a heart attack, heart failure, or an arrhythmia. Please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/about.htm> to learn more.

Appointment Access Requirements

Providers are required to maintain access and appointment availability for each of our Molina products. Specific information is on the recent Fax and the Molina Provider Manuals online at <http://www.molinahealthcare.com> Once per year, Molina randomly samples offices to verify appointment availability and we thank you for the primarily positive results to our recent survey. Offices may be contacted by your Molina representative for further discussion.

Tobacco Cessation Program

Because 70 percent of tobacco users see a physician each year, medical providers are in a unique position to intervene with patients who use tobacco. The Michigan QuitLine 800.QUIT.NOW (800.784.8669) tobacco cessation program provides counseling and pharmacological support to all Molina members who enroll. Fax includes correct codes.

MDHHS Childhood Blood Lead Testing Data Brief

Blood lead testing remains lower than what it had been during pre-pandemic levels. Blood Lead testing is required at 12 and 24 months and between 36 and 72 months, if not previously tested. Make lead exposure screening and blood lead testing a priority in your practice. More information is available at: <https://www.michigan.gov/mileadsafe>

Availity

Molina's Provider Portal is now Availity Essentials. The Molina Legacy Provider Portal will be sunset on **March 28, 2023**, so please make sure you are registered with Availity at <https://www.availity.com/essentials-portal-registration>. Molina has partnered with Availity to offer training on February 7, 15, 24 and March 9, 21 & 29th. To register for a training session, log into Availity Essentials and proceed to the Help & Training section located at the top right of the screen and select Get Trained. Once in the training catalog, go to the Sessions tab at the top of the page where you will see the above trainings listed as Availity Essentials Provider Portal Overview for Molina Providers – Live Webinar. **Note: Michigan is the only state live for Prior Authorizations within Availity - not thru Payor Spaces.**

MDHHS End of Public Health Emergency Stakeholder Toolkit

During the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), many changes were made to the Medicaid program's eligibility, administration, and policies to ease rules for providers and prevent Medicaid beneficiaries from losing their healthcare coverage. It is anticipated that the US Department of Health and Human Services will soon announce the end of the current federal PHE. Michigan will restart Medicaid eligibility renewals and certain waived policies when the federal PHE ends. MDHHS is preparing and has posted materials in an online stakeholder toolkit that can be used to assist individuals with Medicaid coverage in understanding upcoming changes related to the Public Health Emergency. The toolkit contains a variety of approved materials for organizations to use and distribute including flyers, Medicaid renewal information, and social media and web resources. The link to the toolkit is <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/end-phe/stakeholder-toolkit>

Medicare Inflation Reduction Act

January 1, 2023, Medicare Part D deductibles & cost-sharing for adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will be eliminated and covered insulins will have out of pocket costs capped at \$35 for a month's supply. Find out [more](#). Link: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/10522-external-faqs-about-inflation-reduction-act.pdf>

Thank you for your commitment to Molina Members!