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**Distribution:** Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) Holders, Hospitals, Medicaid Health Plans

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**Subject:** Changes to Prior Authorization Requirements for Pediatric-Related Overnight Stays

**Effective:** March 1, 2015

**Programs Affected:** Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) will modify the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) policy, located in Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) 825, related to prior authorization requirements for overnight travel. Refer to the Department of Human Services (DHS) BAM 825 for complete information regarding Medicaid NEMT policy.

Effective for dates of service on and after March 1, 2015, meals and lodging may be authorized for up to 14 days for one parent of a child admitted to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital or Children's Hospital of Michigan. Prior authorization for meals and lodging for the parent of a child is required for stays beyond 14 days. Local DHS offices should contact the MDCH Program Review Division for prior authorization and approval.

### Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the Bridges Administrative Manual.

### Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit an e-mail be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

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