



## Provider Bulletin No 210

# AETNA BETTER HEALTH® OF MICHIGAN

TO: Providers  
FROM: Provider Experience Team  
DATE: October 25, 2022  
SUBJECT: MI Pediatric Sickle Cell provider letter

Dear Providers,

## Aetna Better Health® of Michigan

### Let's be the champions for our Sickle Cell Warriors

Aetna Better Health of Michigan is recommitting ourselves to improving health outcomes and quality of life for our members and families impacted by Sickle Cell Disease (SCD). With the support of health care providers our members with SCD experience less barriers and have the opportunity to live their life to the fullest.

Preventive services have been proven to reduce the morbidity of Sickle Cell Disease. When a member or patient comes into your office for Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) related services such as annual visits, pain management, discharge follow-up or recent ED visit, there is an opportunity to promote the recommended SCD preventive services and treatment.

### Recommended Preventive Services:

1. Antibiotic for prevention of infection: Daily Antibiotic Prophylaxis ages 0-5
2. Hydroxyurea for prevention of pain crises: Daily for ages 9 months+
3. Transcranial Doppler Screen for prevention of stroke: Annually ages 2-16

### Pediatric Sickle Cell Disease Medication Updates

The following medications prescription fills have been extended to 3 months/102 days:

- Penicillin VK Powder (125mg/5ml, 250mg/5ml Solutions)

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- Amoxicillin Powder (125mg/5ml, 200mg/5ml, 250mg/5ml, 400mg/5ml Suspensions)
- Amoxicillin Chewable Tablets (125mg, 250mg)
- Penicillin Tablets (250mg, 500mg)
- Amoxicillin Tablets/Capsules (250mg, 500mg, 875mg)

**How Aetna can help:**

Dedicated Care Management: Provides care coordination, person-centered planning, collaboration with local health departments and CSHCS to address barriers in treatment and access to care. Transition to adult care, addressing psychological toll and stigmatization, and pain management.

Community Health Worker (CHW) Services: Remove barriers impacting SDoH – housing, food, educational support, transportation, community inclusion, social supports, and health literacy. Telephonic and face-to-face visits with members and their families. Accompanying members to health provider appointments to support adherence to the treatment plan. CHWs provide referrals to community-based organizations that are essential to improving quality of care.