



AUTO NO-FAULT LIFETIME/UNLIMITED MEDICAL COVERAGE VS MEDICARE:

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHOICES UNDER MICHIGAN'S AMENDED AUTO INSURANCE LAW – THE FACTS!

In 2019, dramatic changes were made to the Michigan auto insurance law. Drivers now are faced with a number of choices in Personal Injury Protection coverage (PIP), that if selected, could have devastating consequences should they, or their loved ones, suffer serious injury in an auto crash.

Seniors now have the option to completely opt-out from no-fault allowable expense PIP benefits if they satisfy the following two conditions:

- 1) the person is covered under Parts A and B of Medicare; **and**
- 2) the person's spouse **and** any resident relative has Medicare "qualified health coverage," or has no-fault PIP coverage under a separate policy.

Seniors who select this option are not entitled to coverage through the Assigned Claims Plan (ACP) when injured as an occupant of a motor vehicle, but are likely entitled to ACP coverage when injured as a non-occupant or pedestrian, and there is no other insurer from which to recover PIP benefits. ACP medical benefits are capped at \$250,000.

Before you consider this option, it is vital to understand what benefits are not available under Medicare, but may be needed should you be severely injured in a crash. Below is a table identifying how the care and rehabilitation needs of a vehicle crash survivor are covered under Michigan's auto no-fault lifetime/unlimited medical expense coverage vs Medicare.

AUTO NO-FAULT LIFETIME/UNLIMITED COVERAGES VS MEDICARE*

CARE AND REHABILITATION CARE NEEDS	AUTO NO-FAULT	TRADITIONAL MEDICARE
Post-Acute Care/Skilled Nursing Facility	Lifetime Coverage - 24/7 as long as needed and prescribed	Limited - Up to 100 days; Full coverage first 20 days, then co-pay of \$200.00/day. 101 days and beyond - you pay all costs.
Long-term Care/Custodial Care	Lifetime Coverage - 24/7 as long as needed and prescribed	Not covered
Residential Treatment Programs	Lifetime Coverage	Not covered
Case Management Service (a collaborative multi-step process for care coordination for people with complex health conditions to promote patient safety, quality of care and cost effective outcomes)	Lifetime Coverage	Not covered
Attendant Care (assistance with care, supervision, and cueing)	Lifetime Coverage - 24/7 as long as needed and prescribed	Limited - (home health aide services 2-3 times weekly for 4 hours if receiving another Medicare skilled service)
Guardianship or Conservators	Lifetime Coverage	Not covered
Transportation Services (to and from medical appointments)	Lifetime Coverage	Not covered
Physical, Speech and other Outpatient Therapies (Patients with severe brain and spinal cord injuries may need therapies for months or even years)	Lifetime Coverage	Limited - Will cover 80%- additional review may be required.
Occupational Therapy	Lifetime Coverage	Limited - Will cover 80%- additional review may be required.
Durable Medical Equipment (walkers, wheelchairs etc.)	Lifetime Coverage	Limited - Will cover 80%
Massage Therapy	Lifetime Coverage	Not covered
Home Modifications to ensure accessibility	Lifetime Coverage	Limited
Vehicle Modifications (accommodate wheel chairs, hand controls, etc.)	Lifetime Coverage	Not covered
Specialty Assistive Devices (computers, assistive electronics, communication devices, fitness equipment)	Lifetime Coverage	Limited
Deductibles & Coinsurance Payment	No Deductibles or Co-pay	Yearly deductibles and Co-pays

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

* With no MSP or Supplemental Coverage | *2023 limits according to Medicare.gov

- Care options may be limited since not all specialists participate with Medicare
- Seniors are more likely to have previous medical conditions such as Parkinson's Disease, stroke, osteoporosis, diabetes, arthritis and heart disease that may complicate and lengthen the recovery process from an auto accident
- If the senior received a settlement from an accident claim, Medicare is entitled to recover the cost of any medical expenses paid to the claimant.
- See General Note on the backside.





AUTO NO-FAULT LIFETIME/UNLIMITED MEDICAL COVERAGE VS MEDICAID:

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One of the Personal Injury Protection (PIP) options available under Michigan's amended auto insurance law is a \$50,000 coverage option. This option is only available if:

- 1) the named insured is enrolled in Medicaid, **and**
- 2) any spouse **and** resident-relatives of the named insured are also covered under Medicaid, or covered under a qualified health insurance plan, or have PIP coverage under a separate auto insurance policy.

Before you consider this option, it is vital to understand what benefits are not available under Medicaid, but may be needed should you or your loved ones suffer severe injuries in a motor vehicle crash. Below is a table identifying the differences between Medicaid*** and the Lifetime/Unlimited PIP coverage.

AUTO NO-FAULT LIFETIME/UNLIMITED PIP COVERAGE VS MEDICAID

CARE AND REHABILITATION CARE NEEDS	AUTO NO-FAULT	MEDICAID
Post-Acute Care/Skilled Nursing Facility	Lifetime Coverage - 24/7 as long as needed and prescribed	Must meet Level of Care (LOC) determination requirement to be in skilled nursing facility
Long-term Care/Custodial Care	Lifetime Coverage - 24/7 as long as needed and prescribed	Yes - if the person: a) meets the financial requirements to get Medicaid***, and meets the level of care determination (LOCD) requirement
Residential Treatment Programs	Lifetime Coverage	Room and board - Not covered (at AFC, Adult Foster Care or assisted living facilities)
Case Management Service (a collaborative multi-step process for care coordination for people with complex health conditions to promote patient safety, quality of care and cost effective outcomes)	Lifetime Coverage	Limited
Attendant Care (assistance with care, supervision, and cueing)	Lifetime Coverage - 24/7 as long as needed and prescribed	Limited - must meet program criteria medically and financially
Guardianship or Conservators	Lifetime Coverage	\$83/month
Transportation Services (to and from medical appointments)	Lifetime Coverage	Limited - must meet program criteria
Occupational, Physical, Speech and other Outpatient Therapies (Patients with severe brain and spinal cord injuries may need therapies for months or even years)	Lifetime Coverage	Limited - difficult to locate facilities who accept Medicaid
Durable Medical Equipment (walkers, wheelchairs etc.)	Lifetime Coverage	Limited - lengthy approval process
Massage Therapy	Lifetime Coverage	Not covered
Home Modifications to ensure accessibility	Lifetime Coverage	Limited
Vehicle Modifications (accommodate wheel chairs, hand controls, etc.)	Lifetime Coverage	Limited
Alternative Pain Management (such as acupuncture)	Lifetime Coverage	Not covered
Specialty Assistive Devices (computers, assistive electronics, communication devices, fitness equipment)	Lifetime Coverage	Not covered
Co-Pays	No Co-pays	Yes Co-pays

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- ***Must qualify for Medicaid, which requires spending down assets.
- Care options may be limited since not all specialists participate with Medicaid.
- Coverage is dependent on medical conditions, meeting criteria, and other involved payers. This qualification process can be complicated and lengthy.
- General Note: Persons relying on qualified health coverage to pay for auto crash injuries should be aware that, unlike auto insurance, health insurance stops paying when the policy ends or is canceled. If anyone covered by the policy loses qualified health coverage, they must notify your insurer with 30 days of the loss of coverage.



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