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### Mosquito Repellent Coverage

Effective **September 1, 2021**, New York State (NYS) Medicaid Fee-For-Service (FFS) and Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) will cease coverage for mosquito repellent when prescribed to members/enrollees to prevent Zika virus infections.

Previous guidance can be found listed in the Department of Health (DOH) NYS September 2016 Medicaid Update, under the article titled *Mosquito Repellent Coverage*, at the following link: [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/update/2016/2016-09.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2016/2016-09.htm).

The article indicated the coverage of mosquito repellent would continue until the risk of infection, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), reduced. The CDC reports there are no current Zika outbreaks worldwide and specifically, “There is no current local transmission of the Zika virus in the continental United States...”; therefore, NYS Medicaid will cease coverage of mosquito repellent and will revisit this policy if the situation warrants. Exception requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Additional information reported by the CDC can be found by visiting the following two links: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-information> and <https://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html>.

#### Questions

Questions regarding this policy, or FFS members exception requests, may be directed to (518) 486-3209 or by emailing [ppno@health.ny.gov](mailto:ppno@health.ny.gov).

Questions regarding MMC enrollee exception requests, and coverage questions, should be directed to the individual plan. Specific plan information can be found at the following link: <https://mmcdruginformation.nysdoh.suny.edu/>.