

# Status Report on MI Choice Wait List Supports

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**June 1, 2009**

Sec. 1689: (1) Priority in enrolling additional persons in the Medicaid home- and community-based services waiver program shall be given to those who are currently residing in nursing homes or who are eligible to be admitted to a nursing home if they are not provided home- and community-based services. The department shall use screening and assessment procedures to assure that no additional Medicaid eligible persons are admitted to nursing homes who would be more appropriately served by the Medicaid home- and community-based services waiver program. (2) Within 60 days of the end of each fiscal quarter, the department shall provide a report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on community health and the senate and house fiscal agencies that details existing and future allocations for the home- and community-based services waiver program by regions as well as the associated expenditures. The report shall include information regarding the net cost savings from moving individuals from a nursing home to the home- and community-based services waiver program, the number of individuals transitioned from nursing homes to the home- and community-based services waiver program, the number of individuals on waiting lists by region for the program, and the amount of funds transferred during the fiscal quarter. The report shall also include the number of Medicaid individuals served and the number of days of care for the home- and community-based services waiver program and in nursing homes (3) The department shall develop a system to collect and analyze information regarding individuals on the home- and community-based services waiver waiting list to identify the community supports they receive, including, but not limited to, adult home help, food stamps, and housing assistance services and to determine the extent to which these community supports help individuals remain in their home and avoid entry into a nursing home. The department shall provide a progress report on implementation to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on community health and the senate and house fiscal agencies by June 1 of the current fiscal year.

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The department is working with waiver agencies and contractors to design and implement more effective and efficient methods of collecting waiting list data. Work has been completed on developing the initial database and collecting data from the waiver agents. Meetings have been held by the department with staff and stakeholders to review current product and procedures and to identify and develop data, database needs, sources and comparability.

The waiting list data reporting requirements for the waiver agents have been revised. The department has begun collecting data on an individual applicant basis and expanded the amount of demographic and situational data collected. New collection procedures are in the process of being implemented that further define the specific data requirements. Relevant policy is being updated to reflect the necessary reporting changes.

The process of refining the collection format, procedure, and field definitions has begun. Work is underway to identify methods to access external supports data and describe the steps needed to incorporate possible external data sources. Further, the department is evaluating options for compiling and presenting supports information, and alternatives to better manage the waiting list.