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Colleagues,

Beginning October 1, 2013, children with Blue Cross Blue Shield MICHild coverage will transition to another MICHild Health Plan as they become available in the child's county. Even though MICHild beneficiaries are being moved into different health plans, the MICHild benefit package is not changing.

Transportation is not a covered benefit for MICHild recipients. For MICHild/CSHCS duals, CSHCS can provide transportation assistance related to the CSHCS qualifying diagnosis(es) for travel to authorized providers. Health departments can proceed as they have in the past in regards to adding providers to the client's eligibility (similar to the process for adding providers for clients who only have CSHCS). Providers still need to be authorized for the qualifying diagnosis, in order for the client to receive transportation assistance.

It is essential for health departments to communicate with the MICHild Health Plans and/or the provider's office to determine if they do or will be willing to participate with the MICHild Health Plan as an in-network or out-of-network provider prior to authorizing travel. This is important because if the family goes to a provider who does not participate with the MICHild Plan, the family may be responsible for the billing of services and for the transportation. CSHCS will not approve transportation payment if the provider is not participating with the MICHild Health Plan.

Information on MICHild Health Plan service areas is available at http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,4612,7-132-2943_4845_4931---,00.html.

We realize there may be some bumps during the MICHild transition, but we appreciate your hard work and dedication to Michigan's children, especially as we continue our transition process.

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