Dear Interested Party:

RE: Waiver Amendment for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance and Transition Plan

The Michigan Department of Community Health is submitting a waiver amendment and transition plan for the Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SEDW) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The purpose of the amendments is to add an adjustor payment to the SEDW. The adjustor payment allows the Community Mental Health Service Programs (CMHSPs) to earn additional federal dollars to partially cover the cost of SEDW services that the CMHSP funded with non-Medicaid resources. If approved, this change will take effect April 1, 2015.

MDCH would like to hear from any interested party, including those SEDW participants, their allies, and providers of services. The amendment and transition plan can be found online at www.michigan.gov/mdch. Click on the Behavioral Health and Disability tab and look for SEDW Amendment and Transition Plan.

You may submit comments regarding the waiver amendment and transition plan covered by this notice in writing to QMP-Federal-Compliance@michigan.gov, or by mail to:

Attention: Belinda Hawks
Michigan Department of Community Health
Bureau of Community Based Services
Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities Administration
320 South Walnut Street, Lewis Cass Building, 5th Floor
Lansing, Michigan 48913

All comments on this topic should include a “SEDW Amendment and Transition Plan Comment” reference somewhere in the written submission or in the subject line if e-mail is used. Comments and related responses will be available at the above website following the end of the comment period. Comments will be accepted until December 24, 2014.

Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free at 1-800-292-2550.

There is no public hearing scheduled for the waiver amendment or transition plan.

We thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Stephen Fitton, Director
Medical Service Administration