

December 16, 2015

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Dear Interested Party:

RE: Michigan's Revised Statewide Transition Plan for Home and Community-Based Services

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) provides Home and Community-Based Services to individuals in the Medicaid program. These services help Michigan citizens with disabilities or other health issues to live at home or in the community. The Department offers many of these services through "waivers," which were approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently released a new rule for Home and Community-Based Services waivers. MDHHS has five §1915(c) waivers that are impacted by the Final Rule. They are:

- Children's Waiver Program
- Habilitation Supports Waiver
- MI Choice Waiver
- MI Health Link Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Program
- Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances

MDHHS developed a Statewide Transition Plan to outline the implementation process for this rule. The Department recently revised its Statewide Transition Plan based on feedback from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The revised Statewide Transition Plan can be found online at: www.michigan.gov/mdhhs >> Assistance Programs >> Health Care Coverage >> Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition >> Revised Statewide Transition Plan.

Any comments regarding the proposed Statewide Transition Plan covered by this public notice, or request for a written copy, may be submitted in writing to HCBSTransition@michigan.gov or by mail to:

Attention: Medicaid Policy
Program Policy Division
Bureau of Medicaid Policy and Health System Innovation
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
P.O. Box 30479
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7979

The Department will be accepting comments until January 22, 2016. All comments on this topic should include a "Statewide Transition Plan Comment" reference somewhere in the written submission or in the subject line if e-mail is used. The Department will prepare a consultation summary based on these comments, which will be made available at the above website following the end of the comment period. There is no public hearing scheduled for this Statewide Transition Plan.

Stakeholders should only submit comments related to the content of the draft plan at this time. Stakeholders do not need to submit evidence that a particular setting is "home and community-based" at this time. The Department will notify stakeholders if evidence needs to be submitted for this purpose.

The revised Statewide Transition Plan is a draft and will be updated as needed until February 29, 2016, when the plan will be submitted to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval. At that time, the final version of these documents will be posted online.

We thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Priest". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Chris Priest, Director
Medical Services Administration