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To: Executive Directors of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) and
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From: Larry Scott, Director 
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Bureau of Community Based Services
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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has finalized the policy *Peer Recovery Coach Certification MSA 17-45*. The policy will take effect January 1, 2018. Attached is the final version. The Office of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (OROSC) appreciates the public comments from individuals and organizations.

Several individuals have requested clarification on the implementation of training and grandparenting of past certifications. The following will qualify as state recognized peer recovery coach certification if awarded prior to January 1, 2018: Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR), Michigan Certification Board of Addiction Professionals (MCBAP) Certified Peer Recovery Mentor, and the Genesee County MDHHS approved certification. For consideration, all individuals must submit a copy of their certificate, complete an application and meet the policy requirements for Peer Recovery Coaches, listed in the Medicaid provider manual. Once an application has been approved state certificates will be issued by March 1, 2018.

Trainers will be selected by OROSC following an interview process. The Certified Peer Recovery Coaches who are interested in becoming a state trainer are encouraged apply. Interviews and selection of trainers will be made prior to February 9, 2018.

Applications for grandparenting of previous certificates, and requests to become a trainer can be found at the OROSC website at:

http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941_4871_55008---,00.html .

If you have additional questions you may contact Pam Werner at MDHHS-PeerSupport@michigan.gov. We look forward to expanding and strengthening the peer recovery coach workforce to serve the individuals receiving substance use services in our state.

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