

**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
No. 2018-12**

**AUTISM COUNCIL  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2012-11**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch or in the assignment of functions among its units that he considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, the state of Michigan recognizes that the goals of maximizing the potential for children and adults with autism spectrum disorders are the same as those for other children and adults: personal independence and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the state of Michigan encourage early identification of children with autism spectrum disorders to provide early intervention services for children to achieve optimal participation in their home, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, effective coordination of federal, state, and local resources is needed to provide screening, diagnosis, early intensive behavior intervention, and evidence-based treatment for children and adults with autism spectrum disorders to assist all individuals with autism spectrum disorders to reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, continuation of the Autism Council, created by Executive Order 2012-11, with expanded membership and within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, will advise and assist in the development of a statewide comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency system; and provide implementation, monitoring, and updating of the Michigan Autism Spectrum Disorders State Plan to ensure that the key recommendations in the document become reality for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families throughout Michigan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Calley, Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

**I. AMENDMENT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 2012-11**

Section I of Executive Order 2012-11 is amended to provide as follows:

- A. "Council" means the Autism Council created by Executive Order 2012-11 housed within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.
- B. "Department" means the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

**II. AMENDMENT TO SECTION II OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 2012-11**

Section II of Executive Order 2012-11 is amended to provide as follows:

- A. The council is an advisory body within the Department.
- B. The council shall consist of 16 members appointed by the Governor. The 4 members added to the council by this Order shall be appointed to terms expiring on September 30, 2021. The 12 members of the council previously appointed and serving under Section II of Executive Order 2012-11 may continue serving in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. After the initial appointments, all members of the council shall be appointed to 4-year terms.
- C. The council shall consist of the following members:
  - The Director of the Department, or his or her designee, from within the Department.
  - An individual representing child welfare and children's services designated by the Director of the Department.
  - An individual representing Michigan Rehabilitation Services and employment services designated by the Director of the Department.
  - The Director of the Department of Insurance and Financial Services, or his or her designee, from within the Department of Insurance and Financial Services.
  - The Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, or his or her designee, from within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.
  - The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his or her designee, from within the Department of Education.
  - Two (2) individuals who have autism spectrum disorders (ASD), or two (2) individuals who have a family member who have ASD, or one of each.
  - An individual representing the school systems, being someone from an intermediate school district, local school district, or transition coordinator.
  - An individual representing pre-paid inpatient health plans (PIHP) or local community mental health service programs (CMHSP).

- An individual representing Recipient Rights for the public system.
- An individual representing certified behavior analysts.
- An individual representing state funded initiatives.
- An individual representing state universities.
- An individual representing a non-profit organization serving those with ASD.
- A physician representing health care providers servicing individuals with ASD.

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**III. AMENDMENT TO SECTION III OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 2012-11**

Section III of Executive Order 2012-11 is amended to provide as follows:

A. The council shall act in an advisory capacity and shall do all of the following:

1. Promote, monitor, and update the Michigan ASD State Plan. The plan shall do the following:

Provide for comprehensive, lifespan supports to individuals with ASD and their families through access to information and resources, coordination of services, and implementation of evidence-based practices.

2. Annually complete a report of the progress and recommendations of the Michigan ASD State Plan and submit the report to the Director of the Department no later than 60 days after the close of each fiscal year.

3. Provide to the Director of the Department and the Governor a Michigan ASD State Plan and updated recommendations a minimum of every 5 years beginning Fiscal Year 2019.

4. Coordinate and collaborate with state agencies to implement the Michigan ASD State Plan recommendations, increase the accuracy of education, resources and training to employees, and maintain best-practice standards for all services and funding provided in Michigan.

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**IV. AMENDMENT TO SECTION IV OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 2012-11**

Section IV of Executive Order 2012-11 is amended to provide as follows:

A. The council shall be staffed and assisted by personnel from the Department as directed by the Director of the Department. Any budgeting, procurement, and related management functions of the council shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department.

B. The Director of the Department shall designate the Chairperson of the council.

C. The council may select from among its members a Vice-Chairperson, with terms to be reviewed every 2 years.

D. The council shall select from among its members a Secretary, with terms to be reviewed every 2 years. Council staff shall assist the Secretary with record keeping responsibilities.

E. The council may create sub-advisory groups to assist the council with the implementation of the Michigan ASD State Plan and policy recommendations.

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J. Members of the council shall serve without compensation.

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**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

Section V of Executive Order 2012-11 is amended to provide as follows:

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D. Executive Order 2012-11, which created the council, remains in full force and effect, in accordance with its original terms, except as amended by this Order.

E. This Order does not invalidate any actions already taken by the council in accordance with Executive Order 2012-11.

This Executive Order shall become effective upon filing.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Dec, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.



*Brian Calley*  
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BRIAN CALLEY  
GOVERNOR – Acting

BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Gabe Johnson*  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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ON 12/13/18 AT 10:50 A.M.