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The Honorable Peter MacGregor, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS  
Michigan State Senate  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Earl Poleski, Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS  
Michigan House of Representatives  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator MacGregor and Representative Poleski:

This report is provided pursuant to the Department of Human Services' (DHS') Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations Act, PA 252 of 2014, Article X, Section 702 (3). This section requires that DHS submit a report on the status of Medicaid waiver request referenced in Section 702(1). As indicated in the DHS report for section 702(2), the Department of Community Health (DCH) is the single state Medicaid agency authorized to submit Medicaid waivers to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. DCH submitted a report to the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on DCH and the Senate and House Fiscal Agencies in accordance with DCH's Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations Act, PA 252 of 2014, Article IV, Section 1893 outlining the reasons why requesting a waiver to expand Medicaid coverage to children in need of secure residential treatment was not viable.

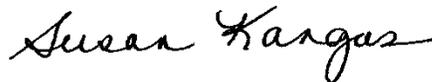
DHS has continued to collaborate with DCH to achieve a higher Medicaid penetration rate for juvenile justice youth, including those placed in secure facilities and detention. In order to achieve this, DHS worked with DCH to craft language updating policy in the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) item 265, Institutional Status, to add terminology related to youth in juvenile detention or secure short-term detention. For instance, previously, the policy referred specifically to adults in jail or prison. Language was added to reflect placement in a juvenile detention facility. This clarifies when youth can maintain limited Medicaid coverage during placement in a juvenile detention facility.

As a result of the policy language update, a request has been submitted to the Child Welfare Training Institute at DHS to develop an online training. The training plan is to help guide frontline DHS eligibility specialists, court probation officers, detention and residential staff in understanding who can apply for Medicaid, the type of Medicaid coverage available, when to apply and what documentation is necessary to support the application.

The merger of DHS and DCH, as proposed in Executive Order 2015-4, would further assist with collaboration between Medicaid and Juvenile Justice Programs to continue to explore ways in which Medicaid coverage can be increased.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Herman McCall, Juvenile Justice Programs director, at (517) 335-3489.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Kangas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Kangas  
Chief Financial Officer

Attachment: FY 15 Boilerplate Report 702(3)

cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on DHS  
Senate and House Fiscal Agencies  
Senate and House Policy Offices  
State Budget Office