

PROGRESS REPORT ON MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES PROGRAM WAITING LIST MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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Section 1689: (1) Within 60 days of the end of each fiscal year, the department shall provide a report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on community health and the senate and house fiscal agencies that details existing and future allocations for the home- and community-based services waiver program by regions as well as the associated expenditures. The report shall include information regarding the net cost savings from moving individuals from a nursing home to the home- and community-based services waiver program, the number of individuals transitioned from nursing homes to the home- and community-based services waiver program, the number of individuals on waiting lists by region for the program, and the amount of funds transferred during the fiscal year. The report shall also include the number of Medicaid individuals served and the number of days of care for the home- and community-based services waiver program and in nursing homes. (2) The department shall develop a system to collect and analyze information regarding individuals on the home- and community-based services waiver program waiting list to identify the community supports they receive, including, but not limited to, adult home help, food assistance, and housing assistance services and to determine the extent to which these community supports help individuals remain in their home and avoid entry into a nursing home. The department shall provide a progress report on implementation to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on community health and the senate and house fiscal agencies by June 1 of the current fiscal year.

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The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) continues to develop a system to collect, monitor, and analyze information on the individuals on waiting lists to receive home and community-based services through the MI Choice waiver program. Michigan is required to maintain waiting lists of individuals who are seeking MI Choice services and appear likely to qualify for the program, but cannot be enrolled into the program due to budgetary constraints. MDCH wishes to develop a program to better monitor the waiting list in an effort to understand the demand for the program and to know what other services are or might be offered to those applicants to prevent admissions to nursing facilities.

In 2010, MDCH began to develop a waiting list module within the MI Choice claims submission system operated by the Center for Information Management (CIM). In early 2012, the system was populated with waiting list data, which was then cleaned to an operational standard. The waiting list module achieved full functionality in June 2012, and the department is benefiting tremendously from using the new system to identify the service needs for individuals waiting for entry into the MI Choice program.

MDCH is developing a method of cross-referencing individuals on the waiting list with persons who are enrolled in the Home Help program. This analysis will allow the department to determine to what extent individuals on the waiting list are already receiving services and supports for long term care needs.

The department is working to obtain access to data from the Department of Human Services, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to cross-reference individuals on the waiting list with persons who are receiving housing assistance or food stamps.