

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE MI CHOICE WAITING LIST COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

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June 1, 2008

Section 1689: (1) Priority in enrolling additional persons in the Medicaid home- and community-based services waiver program shall be given to those who are currently residing in nursing homes or who are eligible to be admitted to a nursing home if they are not provided home- and community-based services. The department shall use screening and assessment procedures to assure that no additional Medicaid eligible persons are admitted to nursing homes who would be more appropriately served by the Medicaid home- and community-based services waiver program. (2) Within 30 days of the end of each fiscal quarter, 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 program, the number of individuals on waiting lists by region for the program, and the amount of funds transferred during the fiscal quarter. The report shall also include the number of Medicaid individuals served and the number of days for the home- and community-based services waiver program and in nursing homes. (3) The department shall develop a system to collect and analyze information regarding individuals on the home- and community-based services waiver waiting list to identify the community supports they receive, including, but not limited to, adult home help, food stamps, 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, 2008.

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The Office of Long Term Care Supports and Services has been meeting with the Medical Services Administration, the Office of Services to the Aging, the Department of Information Technology and an independent contractor to develop a system that will provide an automated system to collect the information requested in boilerplate Section 1689 (3). The proposed system will gather information from Mi Choice waiver agents, Long Term Care Connections, the Department of Human Services, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, the Office of Services to the Aging, the Department of Community Health and county programs to provide a comprehensive background of services used by individuals while on the MI Choice waiting list. We have started the process of identifying specific data that will be collected, if the data is currently contained within an automated system and where that system resides, additional data resources that will need to be established and the where data sharing agreements will be required.

The data that will be sought include:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Date of Death
- Identifying Information
- County of Residence
- Medicaid Eligibility Status
- Medicare Eligibility Status
- Receipt of Adult Home Help Services
- Receipt of Adult Foster Care Services
- Receipt of Food Stamps
- Receipt of Housing Assistance
- Receipt of Aging Services

It is the goal of the committee to establish a system that will automatically collect and update this information while maintaining a statewide wait list system. Waiver agents, Long Term Care Connections and the Department of Community Health will be review the status for individuals, county, waiver areas, and on a statewide basis. This system will also allow for the tracking of individuals who request to be placed on the waiting list in multiple waiver areas.