

# PROGRESS REPORT ON PILOT PROJECT(S)

(FY2009 Appropriation Bill - Public Act 246 of 2008)

May 1, 2009

**Section 271:** (1) A PIHP, Medicaid HMO, and federally qualified health center may establish and implement an early mental health services intervention pilot project. This project shall provide care coordination, disease management, and pharmacy management to eligible recipients suffering from chronic disease, including, but not limited to, diabetes, asthma, substance addiction, or stroke. Participating organizations may make use of data sharing, joint information technology efforts, and financial incentives to health providers and recipients in this project. The department shall encourage that each CMHSP and Medicaid health plan act in a coordinated manner in the establishment of their respective electronic medical record systems. (2) The pilot project shall make use of preestablished objectives and outcome measures to determine the cost effectiveness of the project. Participating organizations shall collect data to study and monitor the correlation between early mental health treatment services to program participants and improvement in the management of their chronic disease. (3) The department shall request any necessary Medicaid state plan amendments or waivers to ensure participation in this project by eligible Medicaid recipients. (4) A progress report on the pilot project shall be provided to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on community health, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director no later than May 1 of the current fiscal year.

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## **DCH Appropriations Boilerplate Report Section 271(4)**

No Medicaid state plan amendments or waivers have been requested resulting from planning or implementation of early mental health services intervention pilot projects by PIHPs, Medicaid HMOs or federally qualified health centers.

In April 2009, DCH authorized the Washtenaw Community Health Organization to implement a Pilot Disease Management Program aimed at supporting those individuals with a serious mental illness, developmental disability or substance use disorder that are not enrolled in a managed physical healthcare plan, but with primary care medical coverage through Medicare or Medicaid fee-for-services who are exhibiting symptoms of chronic physical illnesses or who are at high risk for co-morbid conditions by virtue of their behavioral or developmental disabilities. The purpose of this project is to develop and implement a multi-phase pilot population disease management program for these special need beneficiaries as an administrative function. Information from this pilot will be used to determine whether a disease management program can feasibly and effectively be incorporated in a disease management program within the current specialty waiver.

This pilot does not require a state plan amendment or waiver.