



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH  
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GOVERNOR

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DIRECTOR

November 13, 2007

Dear Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify responsibility for mental health services for Medicaid individuals with mild to moderate mental illness and a co-occurring substance use disorder enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan (MHP). Section II-G-1 of the MHP contract states that MHPs must provide a maximum of 20 outpatient mental health visits per calendar year. Furthermore, Section 1.6 of the Mental Health / Substance Abuse Chapter in the Medicaid Provider Manual delineates which beneficiaries are deemed "mild to moderately mentally ill" and therefore, eligible for mental health services through the MHP, as follows:

"The beneficiary is experiencing or demonstrating mild or moderate psychiatric symptoms or signs of sufficient intensity to cause subjective distress or mildly disordered behavior, with minor or temporary functional limitations or impairments (self-care/daily living skills, social/interpersonal relations, educational/vocational role performance, etc.) and minimal clinical (self/other harm risk) instability.

The beneficiary was formerly significantly or seriously mentally ill at some point in the past. Signs and symptoms of the former serious disorder have substantially moderated or remitted and prominent functional disabilities or impairments related to the condition have largely subsided (there has been no serious exacerbation of the condition within the last 12 months). The beneficiary currently needs ongoing routine medication management without further specialized services and supports."

For individuals eligible for mental health services under the MHP contract, MHPs may not deny mental health treatment due to the existence of a co-occurring substance use disorder. MHPs must provide the medically necessary mental health services whether the substance abuse diagnosis is the individual's primary diagnosis or a secondary diagnosis. While MHPs are not required to provide substance abuse treatment, the MHP should direct the plan's mental health providers to identify potential substance abuse issues. If a substance abuse issue is identified, the MHPs must provide the medically necessary mental health treatment and coordinate with the appropriate Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) regarding the member's substance abuse treatment. MHPs must provide medically necessary mental health services without consideration of the member's decision to seek, or not seek, substance abuse services or on the success or failure of substance abuse treatment.

The PIHP is responsible for coordinating Medicaid substance abuse services. Therefore, the appropriate point of referral for Medicaid substance abuse services is the PIHP. Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) expects MHPs and PIHPs to educate providers regarding screening and referral for substance abuse issues. MDCH has attached a chart that lists the MHP and PIHP available in each county to facilitate coordination among the PIHP and MHP, as well as a listing of available telephone numbers. The "Medicaid Health Plans and Pre-paid Inpatient Health Plans by County" chart is also available on the MDCH website at [www.michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch); click on Providers.

If you have questions regarding this policy clarification, please contact Cheryl Bupp at (517) 241-7933 (for MHPs) or Mark Keilhorn at (517) 241-5066 (for PIHPs). Thank you for your continued participation in the Michigan Medicaid program and your commitment to providing quality care to Michigan's most vulnerable citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Reinhart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "P".

Paul Reinhart, Director  
Medical Services Administration

Attachment

**Michigan Department of Community Health**  
 Medicaid Health Plan and Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan Contact Numbers

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<b>Medicaid Health Plans</b>	<b>Telephone Numbers</b>
Community Choice Michigan	(800) 390-7102
Great Lakes Health Plan, Inc.	(800) 903-5253
Health Plan of Michigan, Inc.	(888) 437-0606
HealthPlus Partners, Inc.	(800) 332-9161
M-CAID	(800) 527-5549
McLaren Health Plan	(888) 327-0671
Midwest Health Plan	(888) 654-2200
Molina Healthcare of Michigan	(888) 898-7969
OmniCare Health Plan, Inc.	(866) 782-8507
PHP-MM Family Care	(800) 661-8299
Priority Health Government Programs, Inc.	(888) 975-8102
Total Health Care	(800) 826-2862
Upper Peninsula Health Plan	(888) 904-7526

<b>Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans</b>	<b>Telephone Numbers</b>
Access Alliance	(800) 448-5498
CMH Affiliation of Mid-Michigan	(517) 346-8318
CMH Central Michigan	(800) 317-0708
CMH Partnership of Southeast MI	(800) 440-7548
Detroit-Wayne	(866) 690-8257
Genesee County CMH Services	(877) 346-3648
Lakeshore Behavioral Health	(231) 720-3200
Lifeways	(517) 789-1200
Macomb County CMH Services	(586) 948-0206
Network 180	(800) 749-7720
North Care	(906) 225-7201
Northern Affiliation	(800) 834-3393
Northwest CMH Affiliation	(800) 492-5742
Oakland County CMH Authority	(800) 231-1127
Saginaw County CMH Authority	(800) 233-0022
Southwest MI Urban & Rural Consortium	(888) 373-6200
Thumb Alliance	(888) 225-4447
Venture Behavioral Health	(800) 897-3035

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<b>Alcona</b>	Community Choice MI Molina Healthcare of MI	Northern Affiliation	Northeast CMH
<b>Alger</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Pathways CMH
<b>Allegan</b>	Community Choice MI Health Plan of MI Molina Healthcare of MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	Southwest MI Urban & Rural Consortium	Allegan CMH
<b>Alpena</b>	Community Choice MI ProCare	Northern Affiliation	Northeast CMH
<b>Antrim</b>	Community Choice MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	Northern Affiliation	North Country CMH
<b>Arenac</b>	Community Choice MI McLaren Health Plan Molina Healthcare of MI	Access Alliance of MI	Bay-Arenac CMH
<b>Baraga</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Copper Country CMH
<b>Barry</b>	Health Plan of MI	Venture Behavioral Health	Barry CMH
<b>Bay</b>	HealthPlus Partners, Inc. McLaren Health Plan Molina Healthcare of MI	Access Alliance of MI	Bay-Arenac CMH
<b>Benzie</b>	Community Choice MI Molina Healthcare of MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	CMH Affiliation of Mid-MI	Manistee-Benzie CMH
<b>Berrien</b>	Community Choice MI Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI	Venture Behavioral Health	Riverwood Center
<b>Branch</b>	Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI	Venture Behavioral Health	Pines Behavioral Health Svcs
<b>Calhoun</b>	Community Choice MI Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI	Venture Behavioral Health	Summit Pointe CMH
<b>Cass</b>	Community Choice MI Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI	Southwest MI Urban & Rural Consortium	Woodlands CMH
<b>Charlevoix</b>	Community Choice MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	Northern Affiliation	North Country CMH
<b>Cheboygan</b>	Community Choice MI	Northern Affiliation	North Country CMH

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<b>Chippewa</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Hiawatha CMH
<b>Clare</b>	None	CMH Central MI	CMH for Central MI
<b>Clinton</b>	Health Plan of MI McLaren Health Plan	CMH Affiliation of Mid-MI	CEI CMH
<b>Crawford</b>	Community Choice MI McLaren Health Plan Molina Healthcare of MI ProCare	Northwest CMH Affiliation	Northern Lakes CMH
<b>Delta</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Pathways CMH
<b>Dickinson</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Northpointe CMH
<b>Eaton</b>	Health Plan of MI McLaren Health Plan	CMH Affiliation of Mid-MI	CEI CMH
<b>Emmet</b>	Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	Northern Affiliation	North Country CMH
<b>Genesee</b>	Community Choice MI Health Plan of MI HealthPlus Partners, Inc. McLaren Health Plan Molina Healthcare of MI Total Health Care	Genesee County CMH Services	Genesee County CMH Services
<b>Gladwin</b>	Community Choice MI Molina Healthcare of MI	CMH Central MI	CMH for Central MI
<b>Gogebic</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Gogebic CMH
<b>Grand Traverse</b>	Community Choice MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	Northwest CMH Affiliation	Northern Lakes CMH
<b>Gratiot</b>	McLaren Health Plan Molina Healthcare of MI	CMH Affiliation of Mid-MI	Gratiot CMH
<b>Hillsdale</b>	Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI	Lifeways	Lifeways CMH
<b>Houghton</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Copper Country CMH
<b>Huron</b>	Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI Molina Healthcare of MI	Access Alliance of MI	Huron CMH
<b>Ingham</b>	McLaren Health Plan PHP-Mid Michigan Family Care	CMH Affiliation of Mid-MI	CEI CMH
<b>Ionia</b>	McLaren Health Plan Molina Healthcare of MI	CMH Affiliation of Mid-MI	Ionia CMH

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<b>Iron</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Northpointe CMH
<b>Isabella</b>	McLaren Health Plan	CMH Central MI	CMH for Central MI
<b>Jackson</b>	Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI	Lifeways	Lifeways CMH
<b>Kalamazoo</b>	Community Choice MI Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI	Southwest MI Urban & Rural Consortium	Kalamazoo CMH
<b>Kalkaska</b>	Community Choice MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	Northern Affiliation	North Country CMH
<b>Kent</b>	Community Choice MI Health Plan of MI Molina Healthcare of MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	Network 180	Network 180
<b>Keweenaw</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Copper Country CMH
<b>Lake</b>	Community Choice MI Molina Healthcare of MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	Northwest CMH Affiliation	West MI CMH
<b>Lapeer</b>	HealthPlus Partners, Inc. McLaren Health Plan	Thumb Alliance PIHP	Lapeer CMH
<b>Leelanau</b>	Community Choice MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	Northwest CMH Affiliation	Northern Lakes CMH
<b>Lenawee</b>	Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI	CMH Partnership of South Eastern MI	Lenawee CMH
<b>Livingston</b>	Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI M-CAID Midwest Health Plan	CMH Partnership of South Eastern MI	Livingston CMH
<b>Luce</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Pathways CMH
<b>Mackinac</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Hiawatha CMH

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<b>Macomb</b>	Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI Midwest Health Plan Molina Healthcare of MI Total Health Care	Macomb County CMH Services	Macomb County CMH Services
<b>Manistee</b>	Community Choice MI Health Plan of MI Molina Healthcare of MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	CMH Affiliation of Mid-MI	Manistee-Benzie CMH
<b>Marquette</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Pathways CMH
<b>Mason</b>	Community Choice MI Molina Healthcare of MI	Northwest CMH Affiliation	West MI CMH
<b>Mecosta</b>	Community Choice MI Molina Healthcare of MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	CMH Central MI	CMH for Central MI
<b>Menominee</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Northpointe CMH
<b>Midland</b>	Molina Healthcare of MI	CMH Central MI	CMH for Central MI
<b>Missaukee</b>	Community Choice MI Molina Healthcare of MI	Northwest CMH Affiliation	Northern Lakes CMH
<b>Monroe</b>	Health Plan of MI Molina Healthcare of MI	CMH Partnership of South Eastern MI	Monroe CMH
<b>Montcalm</b>	Health Plan of MI Molina Healthcare of MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	Access Alliance of MI	Montcalm CCM
<b>Montmorency</b>	Community Choice MI Molina Healthcare of MI ProCare	Northern Affiliation	Northeast CMH
<b>Muskegon</b>	Health Plan of MI Molina Healthcare of MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	Lakeshore Behavioral Health Alliance	Muskegon CMH
<b>Newaygo</b>	Community Choice MI Health Plan of MI Molina Healthcare of MI	CMH Affiliation of Mid-Michigan	Newaygo CMH
<b>Oakland</b>	Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI Molina Healthcare of MI	Oakland County CMH Authority	Oakland County CMH Authority

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<b>Oceana</b>	Community Choice MI Health Plan of MI Molina Healthcare of MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	Northwest CMH Affiliation	West MI CMH
<b>Ogemaw</b>	Community Choice MI Health Plan of MI McLaren Health Plan Molina Healthcare of MI ProCare	Northern Affiliation	AuSable CMH
<b>Ontonagon</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Copper Country CMH
<b>Osceola</b>	Community Choice MI Molina Healthcare of MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	CMH Central MI	CMH for Central MI
<b>Oscoda</b>	Community Choice MI Health Plan of MI McLaren Health Plan Molina Healthcare of MI ProCare	Northern Affiliation	AuSable CMH
<b>Otsego</b>	Community Choice MI Molina Healthcare of MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc. ProCare	Northern Affiliation	North Country CMH
<b>Ottawa</b>	Community Choice MI Health Plan of MI Molina Healthcare of MI Priority Health Govt. Programs, Inc.	Lakeshore Behavioral Health Alliance	Ottawa CMH
<b>Presque Isle</b>	Community Choice MI Molina Healthcare of MI ProCare	Northern Affiliation	Northeast CMH
<b>Roscommon</b>	Community Choice MI Health Plan of MI McLaren Health Plan Molina Healthcare of MI ProCare	Northwest CMH Affiliation	Northern Lakes CMH



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<b>Sanilac</b>	Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI Molina Healthcare of MI	Thumb Alliance PIHP	Sanilac CMH
<b>Schoolcraft</b>	Upper Peninsula Health Plan	North Care	Hiawatha CMH
<b>Shiawassee</b>	HealthPlus Partners, Inc. McLaren Health Plan	Access Alliance of MI	Shiawassee CMH
<b>St. Clair</b>	Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI Midwest Health Plan Molina Healthcare of MI	Thumb Alliance PIHP	St. Clair CMH
<b>St. Joseph</b>	Community Choice MI Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI	Southwest MI Urban & Rural Consortium	St. Joseph CMH
<b>Tuscola</b>	Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI HealthPlus Partners, Inc. McLaren Health Plan Molina Healthcare of MI	Access Alliance of MI	Tuscola CMH
<b>Van Buren</b>	Community Choice MI Great Lakes Health Plan Health Plan of MI	Venture Behavioral Health	Van Buren CMH
<b>Washtenaw</b>	M-CAID Midwest Health Plan	CMH Partnership of South Eastern MI	Washtenaw CMH
<b>Wayne</b>	Great Lakes Health Plan M-CAID Midwest Health Plan Molina Healthcare of MI OmniCare Health Plan Total Health Care	Detroit Wayne County CMH Authority	Detroit Wayne County CMH Authority
<b>Wexford</b>	Molina Healthcare of MI	Northwest CMH Affiliation	Northern Lakes CMH