



STATE OF MICHIGAN
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
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Dear Stakeholder,

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is beginning the process to renew the MI Choice waiver program application. The current application expires on September 30, 2012. This marks the twentieth year of providing home and community-based supports and services through this program. In that time, the waiver has undergone a few relatively minor changes. This renewal represents an opportunity to update the program to better address the needs and preferences of the population it serves.

MDCH has scheduled a series of meetings for stakeholders, including program participants, family members, caregivers, advocates, providers, and waiver agency staff. The intent of the meetings is to solicit input and opinions regarding the elements of the waiver program that work well, those that might need improvement, and proposals for new program elements. This is the best opportunity for anyone interested in the MI Choice waiver program to help establish the direction for the next five years.

The initial stakeholder meeting will be held on **Friday, November 18, 2011** from 9:00 AM – Noon. It will be held in the Conference Center of the Capitol View Building located at 201 Townsend Street, Lansing, MI 48913. The agenda for the first meeting includes:

- an overview of the renewal process
- a discussion of the stakeholder input process
- a look at the quality management program
- a presentation of some potential issues that have been identified by MDCH staff

Additionally, we will take time during this meeting to set the discussion topics for subsequent stakeholder meetings.

Future MI Choice stakeholder meetings are set as follows:

Friday, November 18, 2011	9:00 AM – Noon	Capitol View Bldg
Monday, November 28, 2011	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Capitol View Bldg
Monday, December 12, 2011	9:00 AM – Noon	Capitol Commons Center
Friday, January 6, 2012	9:00 AM – Noon	Capitol View Bldg
Friday, January 20, 2012	9:00 AM – Noon	Capitol View Bldg
Friday, February 3, 2012	9:00 AM – Noon	Capitol View Bldg

MDCH has prepared a website so you can track the stakeholder process through minutes, handouts, and other materials. The website can be located at www.michigan.gov/providers >> Providers >> Other Health Care Programs >> MI Choice. There is also a mailbox available to collect feedback, ideas and concerns. The mailbox address is MDCH-MiChoice@michigan.gov.

If you need accommodations or have any questions about the MI Choice stakeholder meetings or the application renewal process, please contact the mailbox at MDCH-MiChoice@michigan.gov. For accommodation requests, please type "Accommodations" in the subject line of the e-mail. Both Capitol Commons Center and Capitol View buildings are wheelchair accessible.

Sincerely,

Stephen Fitton, Director
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