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Dear Interested Party:

RE: Renewal of MI Choice Waiver

The purpose of this letter is to inform interested parties that the Section 1915(c) and Section 1915(b) MI Choice waiver applications that were submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in September, 2012 have been updated to reflect guidance received from CMS. The changes will affect how MI Choice waiver agencies operate and are reimbursed. The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) intends to resubmit the updated MI Choice waiver applications by July 1, 2013 for an effective date of October 1, 2013.

In order to meet CMS requirements, MI Choice waiver agencies will now operate as Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plans (PAHPs), which allows a move from a fee-for-service reimbursement model to a capitated system. This authority allows the provision of MI Choice waiver services exclusively through waiver agencies.

If you would like to review the content of the waiver documents, they are available on the following website:

www.michigan.gov/providers >> Providers >> Other Health Care Programs >> MI Choice

These documents are drafts and will be updated as needed until they are submitted to CMS for approval by July 1, 2013. At that time, the final version of the application will be posted online. You may submit your comments regarding these waiver applications to msapolicy@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,



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