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Dear Provider:

**RE:** MDCH Provides New Opportunities for Hospitals through the Michigan Presumptive Eligibility Program (MPE)

Beginning in January 2014, the Michigan Department of Community Health will begin to implement a new Michigan Presumptive Eligibility Program (MPE) for all hospitals in the State of Michigan. The objective of this program is to enable hospitals to connect all patients to Medicaid, as long as they appear to meet the State of Michigan's income guidelines for Medicaid eligibility.

Initially under the MPE Program, "qualified agencies" will make presumptive determinations for individuals who are potentially eligible for Michigan Medicaid under the following programs:

- Healthy Kids for Children (under age 19)
- Healthy Kids for Pregnant Women
- Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS)

Later in 2014, the MPE Program will be expanded to cover the following populations:

- Parent-caretaker relatives
- Newly eligible adults with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level

The presumptive eligibility determination will be based on a few pieces of information (name, state residency, household size and income) and will be conducted in real time through an internet application. The "qualified agency" will not be required to conduct any verification checks on the information provided. The PE determination will be based on the individual's attestation of their family circumstances. When determined to be presumptively eligible for MPE, the beneficiary will be guaranteed Michigan Medicaid benefits during the presumptive period. The eligibility period will begin on the date the PE determination is made and continues until two months after the month when presumptive eligibility was determined.

The MPE Program is still under development. MDCH will provide additional guidance for hospitals that are interested in becoming "qualified agencies" as information becomes available. A notice including an implementation timeline, training requirements, and a training schedule will be sent to all hospitals as soon as it is developed.

Sincerely,



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