November 13, 2018

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Michigan Department of Health & Human Services  
400 South Pine Street  
Lansing, MI 48933

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MI Choice Renewal

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☑ Renewal request.
☑ The State has used this waiver format for its previous waiver period.

The renewal modifies (Sect/Part):

Requested Approval Period:(For waivers requesting three, four, or five year approval periods, the waiver must serve individuals who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare.)

☐ 1 year  ☐ 2 years  ☐ 3 years  ☐ 4 years  ☐ 5 years

Draft ID:MI.028.01.00
Waiver Number:MI.0018.R01.00

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Proposed Effective Date: (mm/dd/yy)
10/01/18

Proposed End Date:09/30/23

Calculated as "Proposed Effective Date" (above) plus "Requested Approval Period" (above) minus one day.

Approved Effective Date: 11/13/18

Facesheet: 2. State Contact(s) (2 of 2)

E. State Contact: The state contact person for this waiver is below:

Name: Jacqueline Coleman
Phone: (517) 284-1190
Ext: ________ ☐ TTY
Fax: (517) 241-5112
E-mail: ColemanJ@michigan.gov

If the State contact information is different for any of the authorized programs, please check the program name below and provide the contact information.
The State contact information is different for the following programs:

☐ MI Choice

Note: If no programs appear in this list, please define the programs authorized by this waiver on the first page of the

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11/14/2018
Section A: Program Description

Part I: Program Overview

**Tribal consultation.**
For initial and renewal waiver requests, please describe the efforts the State has made to ensure Federally recognized tribes in the State are aware of and have had the opportunity to comment on this waiver proposal. The Tribes were informed that MDHHS would be holding stakeholder meetings for the MI Choice renewal beginning in September 2017. Official communication was sent on September 14, 2017, formally inviting all stakeholders to participate in nine scheduled meetings from September 2017 through January 2018 and providing information that a MI Choice e-mail address was concurrently established for all stakeholders to send comments and questions about the upcoming MI Choice renewal. The information for the stakeholder meetings was also posted on the MI Choice program website.

The Tribes were also informed of the changes in the waiver renewal via the Tribal Notice letter that was sent by MDHHS on April 1, 2018. The draft waiver renewal applications were also made available for review by the Tribes.

**Program History.**
For renewal waivers, please provide a brief history of the program(s) authorized under the waiver. Include implementation date and major milestones (phase-in timeframe; new populations added; major new features of existing program; new programs added).

MI Choice is a § 1915(c) waiver used to deliver home and community based services to elderly and disabled individuals meeting Michigan’s nursing facility level of care who, but for the provision of such services, would require services provide in a nursing facility. The goal is to provide home and community based services and supports to participants using a person-centered planning process that allows them to maintain or improve their health, welfare, and quality of life. The waiver is administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Medical Services Administration (MSA), which is the Single State Medicaid Agency. MDHHS exercises administrative discretion in the administration and supervision of the waiver, as well as all related policies, rules, and regulations.

MI Choice is a Medicaid managed care program. MI Choice participants receive services from entities classified as Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plans (PAHPs), otherwise referred to as waiver agencies. MDHHS contracts with waiver agencies to carry out its waiver obligations. Each waiver agency must sign a provider agreement with MDHHS assuring that it meets all program requirements.

Waiver agencies may use written contracts meeting the requirements of 42 CFR 434.6 to deliver other services. Entities or individuals under subcontract with the waiver agency must meet provider standards described elsewhere in the waiver application. Subcontracts also assure that providers of services receive full reimbursement for services outlined in the waiver application. Providers meeting the requirements outlined in the waiver are permitted to participate.

MI Choice operates concurrently with the §1915(c) waiver MI.0233.R05.00. Participants enrolled in MI Choice may not be enrolled simultaneously in another of Michigan’s §1915(c) waivers.

The major changes included in this waiver renewal are:

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5) Reiterating that communication is an important function of the Supports Coordination service, and frequency of the communication between the Supports Coordinator and participant (or legal representative) must be identified in the person-centered service plan.
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7) Addition of Respiratory Care to the Private Duty Nursing service to serve those individuals who are ventilator dependent. The service will now be titled Private Duty Nursing/Respiratory Care, and Respiratory Therapists will be permitted as service providers.

8) Changed language pertaining to appeals to be compliant with the requirements of the Managed Care Rule.

9) Changed the percentage of providers that must undergo provider monitoring on an annual basis. This percentage used to be 10%, but MDHHS increased it to 20%.

Section A: Program Description

Part I: Program Overview

A. Statutory Authority (1 of 3)

1. Waiver Authority. The State's waiver program is authorized under section 1915(b) of the Act, which permits the Secretary to waive provisions of section 1902 for certain purposes. Specifically, the State is relying upon authority provided in the following subsection(s) of the section 1915(b) of the Act (if more than one program authorized by this waiver, please list applicable programs below each relevant authority):

   a. **1915(b)(1)** - The State requires enrollees to obtain medical care through a primary care case management (PCCM) system or specialty physician services arrangements. This includes mandatory capitated programs.
      -- Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this authority
      [ ] MI Choice

   b. **1915(b)(2)** - A locality will act as a central broker (agent, facilitator, negotiator) in assisting eligible individuals in choosing among PCCMs or competing MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs in order to provide enrollees with more information about the range of health care options open to them.
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   c. **1915(b)(3)** - The State will share cost savings resulting from the use of more cost-effective medical care with enrollees by providing them with additional services. The savings must be expended for the benefit of the Medicaid beneficiary enrolled in the waiver. Note: this can only be requested in conjunction with section 1915(b)(1) or (b)(4) authority.
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      [ ] MI Choice

   d. **1915(b)(4)** - The State requires enrollees to obtain services only from specified providers who undertake to provide such services and meet reimbursement, quality, and utilization standards which are consistent with access, quality, and efficient and economic provision of covered care and services. The State assures it will comply with 42 CFR 431.55(f).
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The 1915(b)(4) waiver applies to the following programs
[ ] MCO
[ ] PIHP
[ ] PAHP
[ ] PCCM (Note: please check this item if this waiver is for a PCCM program that limits who is eligible to be a primary care case manager. That is, a program that requires PCCMs to meet certain quality/utilization criteria beyond the minimum requirements required to be a fee-for-service Medicaid contracting provider.)
[ ] FFS Selective Contracting program

Please describe:
Section A: Program Description

Part I: Program Overview

A. Statutory Authority (2 of 3)

2. **Sections Waived.** Relying upon the authority of the above section(s), the State requests a waiver of the following sections of 1902 of the Act (if this waiver authorizes multiple programs, please list program(s) separately under each applicable statute):

   a. ☐ **Section 1902(a)(1)** - Statewideness--This section of the Act requires a Medicaid State plan to be in effect in all political subdivisions of the State. This waiver program is not available throughout the State.
      -- Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute
      ☐ MI Choice

   b. ✓ **Section 1902(a)(10)(B)** - Comparability of Services--This section of the Act requires all services for categorically needy individuals to be equal in amount, duration, and scope. This waiver program includes additional benefits such as case management and health education that will not be available to other Medicaid beneficiaries not enrolled in the waiver program.
      -- Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute
      ✓ MI Choice

   c. ✓ **Section 1902(a)(23)** - Freedom of Choice--This Section of the Act requires Medicaid State plans to permit all individuals eligible for Medicaid to obtain medical assistance from any qualified provider in the State. Under this program, free choice of providers is restricted. That is, beneficiaries enrolled in this program must receive certain services through an MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.
      -- Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute
      ✓ MI Choice

   d. ✓ **Section 1902(a)(4)** - To permit the State to mandate beneficiaries into a single PIHP or PAHP, and restrict disenrollment from them. (If state seeks waivers of additional managed care provisions, please list here). Beneficiaries must enroll into a single PAHP in regions that only have one PAHP available. These regions are: Region 1A, Region 2, Region 5, Region 6, Region 9 and Region 11.
      -- Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute
      ✓ MI Choice

   e. ☐ **Other Statutes and Relevant Regulations Waived** - Please list any additional section(s) of the Act the State requests to waive, and include an explanation of the request.
      -- Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute
      ☐ MI Choice

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A. Statutory Authority (3 of 3)

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:
The level of enrollment does not justify multiple PAHPs in those regions that only have one PAHP available.

Due to Section A, Part III, Item 2 not yet being updated to reflect current 42 CFR 438 regulations, and it did not seem appropriate to add an assurance under the waiver comment area within Section A, Part III, Item 2, MDHHS is adding assurance language here. MDHHS complies with/will comply with 42 CFR Part 438 Subpart E as it applies to PAHPs.
Section A: Program Description

Part I: Program Overview

B. Delivery Systems (1 of 3)

1. Delivery Systems. The State will be using the following systems to deliver services:

   a. MCO: Risk-comprehensive contracts are fully-capitated and require that the contractor be an MCO or HIO. Comprehensive means that the contractor is at risk for inpatient hospital services and any other mandatory State plan service in section 1905(a), or any three or more mandatory services in that section. References in this preprint to MCOs generally apply to these risk-comprehensive entities.

   b. PIHP: Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan means an entity that: (1) provides medical services to enrollees under contract with the State agency, and on the basis of prepaid capitation payments or other payment arrangements that do not use State Plan payment rates; (2) provides, arranges for, or otherwise has responsibility for the provision of any inpatient hospital or institutional services for its enrollees; and (3) does not have a comprehensive risk contract. Note: this includes MCOs paid on a non-risk basis.
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   - The PIHP is paid on a non-risk basis

   c. PAHP: Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan means an entity that: (1) provides medical services to enrollees under contract with the State agency, and on the basis of prepaid capitation payments, or other payment arrangements that do not use State Plan payment rates; (2) does not provide or arrange for, and is not otherwise responsible for the provision of any inpatient hospital or institutional services for its enrollees; and (3) does not have a comprehensive risk contract. This includes capitated PCCMs.
   - The PAHP is paid on a risk basis
   - The PAHP is paid on a non-risk basis

   d. PCCM: A system under which a primary care case manager contracts with the State to furnish case management services. Reimbursement is on a fee-for-service basis. Note: a capitated PCCM is a PAHP.

   e. Fee-for-service (FFS) selective contracting: State contracts with specified providers who are willing to meet certain reimbursement, quality, and utilization standards.
   - the same as stipulated in the state plan
   - different than stipulated in the state plan
   Please describe:

   f. Other: (Please provide a brief narrative description of the model.)


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B. Delivery Systems (2 of 3)
2. **Procurement.** The State selected the contractor in the following manner. Please complete for each type of managed care entity utilized (e.g. procurement for MCO; procurement for PIHP, etc):

- **Procurement for MCO**
  - **Competitive** procurement process (e.g. Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid that is formally advertised and targets a wide audience)
  - **Open** cooperative procurement process (in which any qualifying contractor may participate)
  - **Sole source** procurement
  - **Other** (please describe)

- **Procurement for PIHP**
  - **Competitive** procurement process (e.g. Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid that is formally advertised and targets a wide audience)
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- **Procurement for PAHP**
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  - **Sole source** procurement
  - **Other** (please describe)

  MDHHS used a competitive procurement process in the past to select the waiver agencies. The waiver agencies are remaining in place as the PAHPs and MDHHS is not undergoing another competitive procurement process at this time.

- **Procurement for PCCM**
  - **Competitive** procurement process (e.g. Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid that is formally advertised and targets a wide audience)
  - **Open** cooperative procurement process (in which any qualifying contractor may participate)
  - **Sole source** procurement
  - **Other** (please describe)

- **Procurement for FFS**
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**Section A: Program Description**

**Part I: Program Overview**

**B. Delivery Systems (3 of 3)**

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:
MDHHS currently contracts with 20 waiver agencies throughout the state to operate and administer the MI Choice waiver. Each waiver agency is responsible for subcontracting with provider agencies to provide MI Choice services to participants who qualify for these services. This 1915(b) waiver runs concurrently with the MI Choice 1915(c) waiver, control number MI.0233.R05.00.

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C. Choice of MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and PCCMs (1 of 3)

1. Assurances.
   - The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(a)(3) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.52, which require that a State that mandates Medicaid beneficiaries to enroll in an MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM must give those beneficiaries a choice of at least two entities.
   - The State seeks a waiver of section 1932(a)(3) of the Act, which requires States to offer a choice of more than one PIHP or PAHP per 42 CFR 438.52. Please describe how the State will ensure this lack of choice of PIHP or PAHP is not detrimental to beneficiaries’ ability to access services.

   In the regions with only one PAHP, participants will still have a choice in service providers, including supports coordinators. Participants enrolled with the single PAHP in the service area will be allowed to change supports coordinators upon request. MDHHS will continue to ensure the PAHP has an adequate provider network to assure this choice.

2. Details. The State will provide enrollees with the following choices (please replicate for each program in waiver):

   **Program: "MI Choice."**
   - Two or more MCOs
   - Two or more primary care providers within one PCCM system.
   - A PCCM or one or more MCOs
   - Two or more PIHPs.
   - Two or more PAHPs.
   - Other:
     - please describe
     - In regions that have two PAHPs, participants choose to enroll with their preferred PAHP.

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C. Choice of MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and PCCMs (2 of 3)

3. Rural Exception.
   - The State seeks an exception for rural area residents under section 1932(a)(3)(B) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.52 (b), and assures CMS that it will meet the requirements in that regulation, including choice of physicians or case managers, and ability to go out of network in specified circumstances. The State will use the rural exception in the following areas ("rural area" must be defined as any area other than an "urban area" as defined in 42 CFR 412.62 (f)(1)(ii)):

4. 1915(b)(4) Selective Contracting.
   - Beneficiaries will be limited to a single provider in their service area
     - Please define service area.
     - Some regions/service areas only include one PAHP, but participants are given a choice of providers under that one PAHP. The other regions include more than one PAHP with choice of service providers.
   - Beneficiaries will be given a choice of providers in their service area
**Section A: Program Description**

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**D. Geographic Areas Served by the Waiver (1 of 2)**

1. **General.** Please indicate the area of the State where the waiver program will be implemented. (If the waiver authorizes more than one program, please list applicable programs below item(s) the State checks.

   - **Statewide** -- all counties, zip codes, or regions of the State
     - Specify Program Instance(s) for Statewide
     - **MI Choice**

   - **Less than Statewide**
     - Specify Program Instance(s) for Less than Statewide
     - **MI Choice**

2. **Details.** Regardless of whether item 1 or 2 is checked above, please list in the chart below the areas (i.e., cities, counties, and/or regions) and the name and type of entity or program (MCO, PIHP, PAHP, HIO, PCCM or other entity) with which the State will contract.

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D. Geographic Areas Served by the Waiver (2 of 2)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:
*Regions 9, 10, and 11 are listed as geographic areas served by this waiver. The following details which counties comprise those Regions:

Region 9 - Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco, Arenac

Region 10 - Emmet, Charlevoix, Leelanau, Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee

Region 11 - Keweenaw, Ontonagon, Houghton, Baraga, Marquette, Alger, Luce, Chippewa, Gogebic, Iron, Dickinson, Menominee, Delta, Schoolcraft, Mackinac

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E. Populations Included in Waiver (1 of 3)

Please note that the eligibility categories of Included Populations and Excluded Populations below may be modified as needed to fit the State’s specific circumstances.

1. Included Populations. The following populations are included in the Waiver Program:

   ☐ Section 1931 Children and Related Populations are children including those eligible under Section 1931, poverty-level related groups and optional groups of older children.
     ☐ Mandatory enrollment
     ☐ Voluntary enrollment

   ☐ Section 1931 Adults and Related Populations are adults including those eligible under Section 1931, poverty-level pregnant women and optional group of caretaker relatives.
     ☐ Mandatory enrollment
Voluntary enrollment

Blind/Disabled Adults and Related Populations are beneficiaries, age 18 or older, who are eligible for Medicaid due to blindness or disability. Report Blind/Disabled Adults who are age 65 or older in this category, not in Aged.

- Mandatory enrollment
- Voluntary enrollment

Blind/Disabled Children and Related Populations are beneficiaries, generally under age 18, who are eligible for Medicaid due to blindness or disability.

- Mandatory enrollment
- Voluntary enrollment

Aged and Related Populations are those Medicaid beneficiaries who are age 65 or older and not members of the Blind/Disabled population or members of the Section 1931 Adult population.

- Mandatory enrollment
- Voluntary enrollment

Foster Care Children are Medicaid beneficiaries who are receiving foster care or adoption assistance (Title IV-E), are in foster-care, or are otherwise in an out-of-home placement.

- Mandatory enrollment
- Voluntary enrollment

TITLE XXI SCHIP is an optional group of targeted low-income children who are eligible to participate in Medicaid if the State decides to administer the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) through the Medicaid program.

- Mandatory enrollment
- Voluntary enrollment

Other (Please define):

Included populations are individuals enrolled in the Section 1915(c) MI Choice waiver, control number MI.0233.R05.00. MI Choice is available to persons 18 years of age or older who meet financial and functional eligibility requirements, and have a need for at least one waiver service in addition to Supports Coordination.

Individuals with special health care needs are partially excluded from the MI Choice Waiver because of different age restrictions. Special Health Care Needs is defined as those individuals enrolled in the Title V Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) program. Individuals in this program are generally eligible until Age 21, with the exception of some limited diagnosis that allow eligibility without an age limit. MI Choice services are available only to adults aged 18 or older. CSHCS participants are excluded from the MI Choice Private Duty Nursing service until age 21 because this services is covered through the State Plan through age 20. CSHCS beneficiaries aged 18 or older who otherwise meet eligibility criteria for the MI Choice program may enroll in MI Choice for HCBS. All MI Choice Waiver services provided to individuals also enrolled with CSHCS must be carefully coordinated across programs to meet the individual’s needs and avoid duplication of services.

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E. Populations Included in Waiver (2 of 3)

2. Excluded Populations. Within the groups identified above, there may be certain groups of individuals who are excluded from the Waiver Program. For example, the “Aged” population may be required to enroll into the program, but “Dual Eligibles” within that population may not be allowed to participate. In addition, “Section 1931 Children” may be able to enroll voluntarily in a managed care program, but “Foster Care Children” within that population may be excluded from that program. Please indicate if any of the following populations are excluded from participating in the Waiver Program:
Medicare Dual Eligible -- Individuals entitled to Medicare and eligible for some category of Medicaid benefits. (Section 1902(a)(10) and Section 1902(a)(10)(E))

Poverty Level Pregnant Women -- Medicaid beneficiaries, who are eligible only while pregnant and for a short time after delivery. This population originally became eligible for Medicaid under the SOBRA legislation.

Other Insurance -- Medicaid beneficiaries who have other health insurance.

Reside in Nursing Facility or ICF/IID -- Medicaid beneficiaries who reside in Nursing Facilities (NF) or Intermediate Care Facilities for the Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID).

Enrolled in Another Managed Care Program -- Medicaid beneficiaries who are enrolled in another Medicaid managed care program

Eligibility Less Than 3 Months -- Medicaid beneficiaries who would have less than three months of Medicaid eligibility remaining upon enrollment into the program.

Participate in HCBS Waiver -- Medicaid beneficiaries who participate in a Home and Community Based Waiver (HCBS, also referred to as a 1915(c) waiver).

American Indian/Alaskan Native -- Medicaid beneficiaries who are American Indians or Alaskan Natives and members of federally recognized tribes.

Special Needs Children (State Defined) -- Medicaid beneficiaries who are special needs children as defined by the State. Please provide this definition. Children with special health care needs are those eligible for Michigan’s Children’s Special Health Care Services program. Individuals eligible are persons under the age of 21 with one or more qualifying medical diagnoses. Persons age 21 and older with cystic fibrosis or hereditary coagulation defects commonly known as hemophilia are also included. Medical eligibility must be established by physicians in the MDHHS Office of Medical Affairs and is based on the diagnosis, chronicity and severity of the diagnosis(es). These individuals are excluded from the Private Duty Nursing service under the MI Choice Waiver.

SCHIP Title XXI Children – Medicaid beneficiaries who receive services through the SCHIP program.

Retroactive Eligibility – Medicaid beneficiaries for the period of retroactive eligibility.

Other (Please define):
Excluded population - "Participate in HCBS Waiver" checked above refers to participants enrolled in other non-MI Choice 1915(c) waivers. Individuals enrolled in the Managed Specialty Services and Supports Program may also be enrolled in this waiver. The spenddown population is excluded from participating in the MI Choice waiver program.

Individuals may remain enrolled in MI Choice if they temporarily reside in nursing facilities when using the out-of-home Respite service.

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E. Populations Included in Waiver (3 of 3)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:
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F. Services (1 of 5)

List all services to be offered under the Waiver in Appendices D2.S. and D2.A of Section D, Cost-Effectiveness.

1. Assurances.

- The State assures CMS that services under the Waiver Program will comply with the following federal requirements:
  - Services will be available in the same amount, duration, and scope as they are under the State Plan per 42 CFR 438.210(a)(2).
  - Access to emergency services will be assured per section 1932(b)(2) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.114.
  - Access to family planning services will be assured per section 1905(a)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 431.51(b)
  - The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of more of the regulatory requirements listed above for PIHP or PAHP programs. Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any. (See note below for limitations on requirements that may be waived).

- The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM contracts for compliance with the provisions of 42 CFR 438.210(a)(2), 438.114, and 431.51 (Coverage of Services, Emergency Services, and Family Planning) as applicable. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

- This is a proposal for a 1915(b)(4) FFS Selective Contracting Program only and the managed care regulations do not apply. The State assures CMS that services will be available in the same amount, duration, and scope as they are under the State Plan.

- The state assures CMS that it complies with Title I of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, in so far as these requirements are applicable to this waiver.

Note: Section 1915(b) of the Act authorizes the Secretary to waive most requirements of section 1902 of the Act for the purposes listed in sections 1915(b)(1)-(4) of the Act. However, within section 1915(b) there are prohibitions on waiving the following subsections of section 1902 of the Act for any type of waiver program:

- Section 1902(s) -- adjustments in payment for inpatient hospital services furnished to infants under age 1, and to children under age 6 who receive inpatient hospital services at a Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) facility.
- Sections 1902(a)(15) and 1902(bb) – prospective payment system for FQHC/RHC
- Section 1902(a)(10)(A) as it applies to 1905(a)(2)(C) – comparability of FQHC benefits among Medicaid beneficiaries
- Section 1902(a)(4)(C) -- freedom of choice of family planning providers
- Sections 1915(b)(1) and (4) also stipulate that section 1915(b) waivers may not waive freedom of choice of emergency services providers.

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2. Emergency Services. In accordance with sections 1915(b) and 1932(b) of the Act, and 42 CFR 431.55 and 438.114, enrollees in an MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM must have access to emergency services without prior authorization, even if the emergency services provider does not have a contract with the entity.
The PAHP, PAHP, or FFS Selective Contracting program does not cover emergency services.

Emergency Services Category General Comments (optional):

☐ The MCO/PIHP/PAHP will be required to reimburse out-of-network family planning services.

☐ The MCO/PIHP/PAHP will be required to pay for family planning services from network providers, and the State will pay for family planning services from out-of-network providers.

☐ The State will pay for all family planning services, whether provided by network or out-of-network providers.

☐ Other (please explain):

☐ Family planning services are not included under the waiver.

Family Planning Services Category General Comments (optional):

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F. Services (3 of 5)

4. FQHC Services. In accordance with section 2088.6 of the State Medicaid Manual, access to Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) services will be assured in the following manner:

☐ The program is voluntary, and the enrollee can disenroll at any time if he or she desires access to FQHC services. The MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM is not required to provide FQHC services to the enrollee during the enrollment period.

☐ The program is mandatory and the enrollee is guaranteed a choice of at least one MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM which has at least one FQHC as a participating provider. If the enrollee elects not to select a MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM that gives him or her access to FQHC services, no FQHC services will be required to be furnished to the enrollee while the enrollee is enrolled with the MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM he or she selected. Since reasonable access to FQHC services will be available under the waiver program, FQHC services outside the program will not be available. Please explain how the State will guarantee all enrollees will have a choice of at least one MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM with a participating FQHC:

☐ The program is mandatory and the enrollee has the right to obtain FQHC services outside this waiver program through the regular Medicaid Program.

FQHC Services Category General Comments (optional):
5. EPSDT Requirements.

The managed care programs(s) will comply with the relevant requirements of sections 1905(a)(4)(b) (services), 1902(a)(43) (administrative requirements including informing, reporting, etc.), and 1905(r) (definition) of the Act related to Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program.

EPSDT Requirements Category General Comments (optional):

MI Choice does not cover EPSDT benefits. Any MI Choice participant who is eligible for EPSDT will receive these benefits through the State Plan.

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F. Services (4 of 5)

6. 1915(b)(3) Services.

This waiver includes 1915(b)(3) expenditures. The services must be for medical or health-related care, or other services as described in 42 CFR Part 440, and are subject to CMS approval. Please describe below what these expenditures are for each waiver program that offers them. Include a description of the populations eligible, provider type, geographic availability, and reimbursement method.

1915(b)(3) Services Requirements Category General Comments:

7. Self-referrals.

The State requires MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs/PCCMs to allow enrollees to self-refer (i.e. access without prior authorization) under the following circumstances or to the following subset of services in the MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM contract:

Self-referrals Requirements Category General Comments:

8. Other.

Other (Please describe)

CMS approved waiver services include: Adult Day Health, Community Health Worker, Respite, Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies, Fiscal Intermediary, Goods and Services, Chore Services, Community Living Supports, Counseling, Environmental Accessibility Adaptations, Home Delivered Meals, Community Transportation, Community Transition Services, Personal Emergency Response System, Private Duty Nursing/Respiratory Care, Training, Supports Coordination, and Nursing Services.

The services and provider options being added in this waiver renewal are:
1) Addition of nursing facilities as out-of-home Respite settings,
2) Addition of Respiratory Care within the Private Duty Nursing service and allowing Respiratory Therapists as providers,
3) Addition of a Community Health Worker service, and
4) Combination of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation and Non-Medical Transportation into one Community Transportation service.
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F. Services (5 of 5)

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

MDHHS is working towards the implementation of an Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system. The time frame when the system will be fully functional is unknown at this time.

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Part II: Access

A. Timely Access Standards (1 of 7)

Each State must ensure that all services covered under the State plan are available and accessible to enrollees of the 1915(b) Waiver Program. Section 1915(b) of the Act prohibits restrictions on beneficiaries’ access to emergency services and family planning services.

1. Assurances for MCO, PIHP, or PAHP programs

   - The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.206 Availability of Services; in so far as these requirements are applicable.

   - The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs.

   Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

   The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.206 Availability of Services. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

   If the 1915(b) Waiver Program does not include a PCCM component, please continue with Part II.B. Capacity Standards.

Section A: Program Description

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A. Timely Access Standards (2 of 7)

2. Details for PCCM program. The State must assure that Waiver Program enrollees have reasonable access to services. Please note below the activities the State uses to assure timely access to services.

   a. Availability Standards. The State’s PCCM Program includes established maximum distance and/or travel time requirements, given beneficiary’s normal means of transportation, for waiver enrollees’ access to the following providers. For each provider type checked, please describe the standard.

   1. PCPs

   Please describe:
2. □ Specialists

*Please describe:*

3. □ Ancillary providers

*Please describe:*

4. □ Dental

*Please describe:*

5. □ Hospitals

*Please describe:*

6. □ Mental Health

*Please describe:*

7. □ Pharmacies

*Please describe:*

8. □ Substance Abuse Treatment Providers

*Please describe:*

9. □ Other providers

*Please describe:*

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A. Timely Access Standards (3 of 7)

2. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)
b. □ **Appointment Scheduling** means the time before an enrollee can acquire an appointment with his or her provider for both urgent and routine visits. The State’s PCCM Program includes established standards for appointment scheduling for waiver enrollee’s access to the following providers.

1. □ PCPs

   Please describe:

2. □ Specialists

   Please describe:

3. □ Ancillary providers

   Please describe:

4. □ Dental

   Please describe:

5. □ Mental Health

   Please describe:

6. □ Substance Abuse Treatment Providers

   Please describe:

7. □ Urgent care

   Please describe:

8. □ Other providers

   Please describe:
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A. Timely Access Standards (4 of 7)

2. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

   c. In-Office Waiting Times: The State’s PCCM Program includes established standards for in-office waiting times. For each provider type checked, please describe the standard.

   1. PCPs

      Please describe:

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   2. Specialists

      Please describe:

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   3. Ancillary providers

      Please describe:

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   4. Dental

      Please describe:

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   5. Mental Health

      Please describe:

      [Blank line]

   6. Substance Abuse Treatment Providers

      Please describe:

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   7. Other providers

      Please describe:

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A. Timely Access Standards (5 of 7)

2. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)
   
d. Other Access Standards

Section A: Program Description

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A. Timely Access Standards (6 of 7)

3. Details for 1915(b)(4)FFS selective contracting programs: Please describe how the State assures timely access to the services covered under the selective contracting program.

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A. Timely Access Standards (7 of 7)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

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B. Capacity Standards (1 of 6)

1. Assurances for MCO, PIHP, or PAHP programs

   The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(b)(5) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.207 Assurances of adequate capacity and services, in so far as these requirements are applicable.
   
   The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs.

   Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

   The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(b)(5) and 42 CFR 438.207 Assurances of adequate capacity and services. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

If the 1915(b) Waiver Program does not include a PCCM component, please continue with Part II, C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards.
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B. Capacity Standards (2 of 6)

2. Details for PCCM program. The State must assure that Waiver Program enrollees have reasonable access to services. Please note below which of the strategies the State uses assure adequate provider capacity in the PCCM program.

a. ☐ The State has set enrollment limits for each PCCM primary care provider.

   Please describe the enrollment limits and how each is determined:

b. ☐ The State ensures that there are adequate number of PCCM PCPs with open panels.

   Please describe the State’s standard:

c. ☐ The State ensures that there is an adequate number of PCCM PCPs under the waiver assure access to all services covered under the Waiver.

   Please describe the State’s standard for adequate PCP capacity:

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B. Capacity Standards (3 of 6)

2. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

d. ☐ The State compares numbers of providers before and during the Waiver.

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Please note any limitations to the data in the chart above:


e. ☐ The State ensures adequate geographic distribution of PCCMs.

   Please describe the State’s standard:

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B. Capacity Standards (4 of 6)

2. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

f. ☐ PCP:Enrollee Ratio. The State establishes standards for PCP to enrollee ratios.

https://wms-mmdl.cms.gov/WMS/faces/protected/cms1915b/v0/print/PrintSelector.jsp
Please note any changes that will occur due to the use of physician extenders:

**g. Other capacity standards.**

*Please describe:*

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**B. Capacity Standards (5 of 6)**

**3. Details for 1915(b)(4)FFS selective contracting programs:** Please describe how the State assures provider capacity has not been negatively impacted by the selective contracting program. Also, please provide a detailed capacity analysis of the number of beds (by type, per facility) – for facility programs, or vehicles (by type, per contractor) – for non-emergency transportation programs, needed per location to assure sufficient capacity under the waiver program. This analysis should consider increased enrollment and/or utilization expected under the waiver.

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**B. Capacity Standards (6 of 6)**

**Additional Information.** Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

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**C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (1 of 5)**

**1. Assurances for MCO, PIHP, or PAHP programs**

- The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.206 Availability of Services; in so far as these requirements are applicable.
- The State seeks a waiver of a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of more of the regulatory requirements listed above for PIHP or PAHP programs.

*Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:*

- The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.206 Availability of Services. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to
the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

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C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (2 of 5)

2. Details on MCO/PIHP/PAHP enrollees with special health care needs.

The following items are required.

a. ✓ The plan is a PIHP/PAHP, and the State has determined that based on the plan’s scope of services, and how the State has organized the delivery system, that the **PIHP/PAHP need not meet the requirements** for additional services for enrollees with special health care needs in 42 CFR 438.208.

*Please provide justification for this determination:*

Individuals with special health care needs are partially excluded from the MI Choice Waiver. This is defined as those individuals enrolled in the Title V Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) program. They are excluded from the MI Choice Private Duty Nursing service until age 21. If the individuals require more Community Living Supports than available through the State Plan personal care benefit and Community Mental Health services, they may receive those services through the MI Choice Waiver.

b. ✓ **Identification.** The State has a mechanism to identify persons with special health care needs to MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs, as those persons are defined by the State.

*Please describe:*

MI Choice Waiver agencies have the ability to view other program enrollment within the CHAMPS MMIS system if the individual is enrolled with them and they know the Medicaid ID.

c. ✓ **Assessment.** Each MCO/PIHP/PAHP will implement mechanisms, using appropriate health care professionals, to assess each enrollee identified by the State to identify any ongoing special conditions that require a course of treatment or regular care monitoring. Please describe:

*Please describe the enrollment limits and how each is determined:*

The assessment process would remain the same as any MI Choice Waiver participant, though would require careful coordination with the CSHCS program.

d. ✓ **Treatment Plans.** For enrollees with special health care needs who need a course of treatment or regular care monitoring, the State requires the MCO/PIHP/PAHP to produce a treatment plan. If so, the treatment plan meets the following requirements:

1. ✓ Developed by enrollees’ primary care provider with enrollee participation, and in consultation with any specialists’ care for the enrollee.
2. ✓ Approved by the MCO/PIHP/PAHP in a timely manner (if approval required by plan).
3. ☐ In accord with any applicable State quality assurance and utilization review standards.

*Please describe:*

Treatment plans remain the responsibility of CSHCS and MI Choice includes the person-centered service plans, which may differ from the treatment plans. The two programs/entities must collaborate to assure they are not duplicating services.

e. ✓ **Direct access to specialists.** If treatment plan or regular care monitoring is in place, the MCO/PIHP/PAHP has a mechanism in place to allow enrollees to directly access specialists as appropriate for enrollee’s condition and identified needs.

*Please describe:*)
MI Choice Waiver participants are allowed to see specialists as appropriate for the condition and identified needs indicated in the treatment plan. Medical transportation is available to participants to attend appointments with specialists as necessary. Maintaining the enrollment in CSHCS assures access to specialists and since MI Choice does not cover primary care services, it does not interfere with this access.

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C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (3 of 5)

3. Details for PCCM program. The State must assure that Waiver Program enrollees have reasonable access to services. Please note below which of the strategies the State uses assure adequate provider capacity in the PCCM program.

   a. □ Each enrollee selects or is assigned to a primary care provider appropriate to the enrollee’s needs.
   b. □ Each enrollee selects or is assigned to a designated designated health care practitioner who is primarily responsible for coordinating the enrollee’s overall health care.
   c. □ Each enrollee is receives health education/promotion information.

   Please explain:

   d. □ Each provider maintains, for Medicaid enrollees, health records that meet the requirements established by the State, taking into account professional standards.
   e. □ There is appropriate and confidential exchange of information among providers.
   f. □ Enrollees receive information about specific health conditions that require follow-up and, if appropriate, are given training in self-care.
   g. □ Primary care case managers address barriers that hinder enrollee compliance with prescribed treatments or regimens, including the use of traditional and/or complementary medicine.
   h. □ Additional case management is provided.

   Please include how the referred services and the medical forms will be coordinated among the practitioners, and documented in the primary care case manager’s files.

i. □ Referrals.

   Please explain in detail the process for a patient referral. In the description, please include how the referred services and the medical forms will be coordinated among the practitioners, and documented in the primary care case managers’ files.

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (4 of 5)

4. Details for 1915(b)(4) only programs: If applicable, please describe how the State assures that continuity and coordination of care are not negatively impacted by the selective contracting program.

As required per the contract between the waiver agency and MDHHS, the waiver agency supports coordinator is responsible for working with the participant to develop a person-centered service plan and coordination of supports and services for all participants served by the waiver agency. Also, as part of the contract, all services inclusive of Supports Coordination and responsibility for development of an individual person-centered service plan are housed
within the waiver agency to facilitate care coordination. Through the Administrative Quality Assurance Review and
the Clinical Quality Assurance Review, MDHHS monitors that these requirements are met, and assures continuity and
coordination of care.

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (5 of 5)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Section A: Program Description

Part III: Quality

1. Assurances for MCO or PIHP programs

☐ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.202,
438.204, 438.210, 438.214, 438.218, 438.224, 438.226, 438.228, 438.230, 438.236, 438.240, and 438.242 in
so far as these regulations are applicable.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory
requirements listed for PIHP programs.

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s)
to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

☐ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP contracts for compliance
with the provisions of section 1932(c)(1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.202, 438.204, 438.210,
438.214, 438.218, 438.224, 438.226, 438.228, 438.230, 438.236, 438.240, and 438.242. If this is an initial
waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS
Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

☐ Section 1932(c)(1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.202 requires that each State Medicaid agency that
contracts with MCOs and PIHPs submit to CMS a written strategy for assessing and improving the quality
of managed care services offered by all MCOs and PIHPs.

The State assures CMS that this quality strategy was initially submitted to the CMS Regional Office on:

(DD/MM/YYYY)

☐ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(2) of the Act and 42 CFR 438 Subpart E, to
arrange for an annual, independent, external quality review of the outcomes and timeliness of, and access to
the services delivered under each MCO/ PIHP contract. Note: EQR for PIHPs is required beginning March
2004.

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2. Assurances For PAHP program

☑ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.210, 438.214, 438.218, 438.224, 438.226, 438.228, 438.230 and 438.236, in so far as these regulations are applicable.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PAHP programs.

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

☑ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the PAHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(c) (1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.210, 438.214, 438.218, 438.224, 438.226, 438.228, 438.230 and 438.236. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

Section A: Program Description

Part III: Quality

3. Details for PCCM program. The State must assure that Waiver Program enrollees have access to medically necessary services of adequate quality. Please note below the strategies the State uses to assure quality of care in the PCCM program.

a. ☐ The State has developed a set of overall quality improvement guidelines for its PCCM program.

   Please describe:

Section A: Program Description

Part III: Quality

3. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

b. ☐ State Intervention: If a problem is identified regarding the quality of services received, the State will intervene as indicated below.

   1. ☐ Provide education and informal mailings to beneficiaries and PCCMs
   2. ☐ Initiate telephone and/or mail inquiries and follow-up
   3. ☐ Request PCCM’s response to identified problems
   4. ☐ Refer to program staff for further investigation
   5. ☐ Send warning letters to PCCMs
   6. ☐ Refer to State’s medical staff for investigation
   7. ☐ Institute corrective action plans and follow-up
   8. ☐ Change an enrollee’s PCCM
   9. ☐ Institute a restriction on the types of enrollees
   10. ☐ Further limit the number of assignments
   11. ☐ Ban new assignments
   12. ☐ Transfer some or all assignments to different PCCMs
13. □ Suspend or terminate PCCM agreement
14. □ Suspend or terminate as Medicaid providers
15. □ Other

Please explain:

Section A: Program Description
Part III: Quality

3. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)
c. □ Selection and Retention of Providers: This section provides the State the opportunity to describe any requirements, policies or procedures it has in place to allow for the review and documentation of qualifications and other relevant information pertaining to a provider who seeks a contract with the State or PCCM administrator as a PCCM. This section is required if the State has applied for a 1915(b)(4) waiver that will be applicable to the PCCM program.

Please check any processes or procedures listed below that the State uses in the process of selecting and retaining PCCMs. The State (please check all that apply):
1. □ Has a documented process for selection and retention of PCCMs (please submit a copy of that documentation).
2. □ Has an initial credentialing process for PCCMs that is based on a written application and site visits as appropriate, as well as primary source verification of licensure, disciplinary status, and eligibility for payment under Medicaid.
3. □ Has a recredentialing process for PCCMs that is accomplished within the time frame set by the State and through a process that updates information obtained through the following (check all that apply):
   A. □ Initial credentialing
   B. □ Performance measures, including those obtained through the following (check all that apply):
      ▪ □ The utilization management system.
      ▪ □ The complaint and appeals system.
      ▪ □ Enrollee surveys.
      ▪ □ Other.

Please describe:

4. □ Uses formal selection and retention criteria that do not discriminate against particular providers such as those who serve high risk populations or specialize in conditions that require costly treatment.
5. □ Has an initial and recredentialing process for PCCMs other than individual practitioners (e.g., rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers) to ensure that they are and remain in compliance with any Federal or State requirements (e.g., licensure).
6. □ Notifies licensing and/or disciplinary bodies or other appropriate authorities when suspensions or terminations of PCCMs take place because of quality deficiencies.
7. □ Other

Please explain:
Section A: Program Description

Part III: Quality

3. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

d. Other quality standards (please describe):

Section A: Program Description

Part III: Quality

4. Details for 1915(b)(4) only programs: Please describe how the State assures quality in the services that are covered by the selective contracting program. Please describe the provider selection process, including the criteria used to select the providers under the waiver. These include quality and performance standards that the providers must meet. Please also describe how each criteria is weighted:

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

A. Marketing (1 of 4)

1. Assurances

- The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(d)(2) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.104 Marketing activities; in so far as these regulations are applicable.
- The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs.

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

- The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(d)(2) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.104 Marketing activities. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.
- This is a proposal for a 1915(b)(4) FFS Selective Contracting Program only and the managed care regulations do not apply.

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

A. Marketing (2 of 4)

2. Details

a. Scope of Marketing
1. The State does not permit direct or indirect marketing by MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM or selective contracting FFS providers.

2. The State permits indirect marketing by MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM or selective contracting FFS providers (e.g., radio and TV advertising for the MCO/PIHP/PAHP or PCCM in general).
   
   Please list types of indirect marketing permitted:

3. The State permits direct marketing by MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM or selective contracting FFS providers (e.g., direct mail to Medicaid beneficiaries).
   
   Please list types of direct marketing permitted:

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

A. Marketing (3 of 4)

2. Details (Continued)

   b. Description. Please describe the State’s procedures regarding direct and indirect marketing by answering the following questions, if applicable.

   1. The State prohibits or limits MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs/PCCMs/selective contracting FFS providers from offering gifts or other incentives to potential enrollees.

   Please explain any limitation or prohibition and how the State monitors this:

   2. The State permits MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs/PCCMs/selective contracting FFS providers to pay their marketing representatives based on the number of new Medicaid enrollees he/she recruited into the plan.

   Please explain how the State monitors marketing to ensure it is not coercive or fraudulent:

   3. The State requires MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM/selective contracting FFS providers to translate marketing materials.

   Please list languages materials will be translated into. (If the State does not translate or require the translation of marketing materials, please explain):

   The State has chosen these languages because (check any that apply):

   a. The languages comprise all prevalent languages in the service area.

   Please describe the methodology for determining prevalent languages:
The languages comprise all languages in the service area spoken by approximately ___ percent or more of the population.

c. Other

Please explain:

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

A. Marketing (4 of 4)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (1 of 5)

1. Assurances

☐ The State assures CMS that it complies with Federal Regulations found at section 1932(a)(5) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.10 Information requirements; in so far as these regulations are applicable.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of more of the regulatory requirements listed above for PIHP or PAHP programs.

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

☐ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(a)(5) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.10 Information requirements. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

☐ This is a proposal for a 1915(b)(4) FFS Selective Contracting Program only and the managed care regulations do not apply.

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (2 of 5)

2. Details

a. Non-English Languages

1. ☐ Potential enrollee and enrollee materials will be translated into the prevalent non-English languages.
Please list languages materials will be translated into. (If the State does not require written materials to be translated, please explain):

Generally, Prevalent Language is defined as Specific Non-English Language that is spoken as the primary language by more than 5% of the population of individual applying for or enrolled in the MI Choice Waiver. Enrollee materials are translated into all Prevalent Languages.

If the State does not translate or require the translation of marketing materials, please explain:

The State defines prevalent non-English languages as: (check any that apply):

a. [ ] The languages spoken by significant number of potential enrollees and enrollees.

Please explain how the State defines “significant.”:

b. [ ] The languages spoken by approximately _____ percent or more of the potential enrollee/enrollee population.

c. [ ] Other

Please explain:

2. [ ] Please describe how oral translation services are available to all potential enrollees and enrollees, regardless of language spoken.

The waiver agencies assure accommodation for people with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and other linguistic needs, as well as for individuals with hearing impairments and alternative needs for communication. The MDHHS site review process assures compliance with this requirement.

3. [ ] The State will have a mechanism in place to help enrollees and potential enrollees understand the managed care program.

Please describe:

The waiver agencies have a participant handbook created by MDHHS that explains the program, rights and responsibilities, etc. This will go to everyone assessed and is available to anyone asking about the program.

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (3 of 5)

2. Details (Continued)

b. Potential Enrollee Information

Information is distributed to potential enrollees by:

[ ] State
[ ] Contractor

Please specify:
Waiver agencies speak with potential enrollees and give them information, if the potential enrollee desires.

☐ There are no potential enrollees in this program. (Check this if State automatically enrolls beneficiaries into a single PIHP or PAHP.)

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (4 of 5)

2. Details (Continued)

c. Enrollee Information

The State has designated the following as responsible for providing required information to enrollees:

☐ the State
☐ State contractor

Please specify:

☑ The MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM/FFS selective contracting provider.

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (5 of 5)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (1 of 6)

1. Assurances

☑ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(a)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.56 Disenrollment; in so far as these regulations are applicable.

☑ The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs. (Please check this item if the State has requested a waiver of the choice of plan requirements in section A.I.C.)

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

The State seeks a waiver of section 1932(a)(3) of the Act, which requires states to offer a choice of more than one PIHP or PAHP per 42 CFR 438.52. The State will ensure this lack of choice of PAHP is not detrimental to beneficiaries’ ability to access services. Beneficiaries will have choice of providers through the PAHP.

☑ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(a)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.56 Disenrollment
requirements. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

☐ This is a proposal for a 1915(b)(4) FFS Selective Contracting Program only and the managed care regulations do not apply.

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (2 of 6)

2. Details

Please describe the State’s enrollment process for MCOs/PIHPs/PAHP/PCCMs and FFS selective contracting provider by checking the applicable items below.

a. Outreach

☑ The State conducts outreach to inform potential enrollees, providers, and other interested parties of the managed care program.

Please describe the outreach process, and specify any special efforts made to reach and provide information to special populations included in the waiver program:

Outreach activities may be conducted by the PAHP. The PAHPs’ outreach materials are informational in nature. The PAHPs’ materials (i.e., flyers or other informational brochures) inform the potential enrollees about the programs and services that are available through the PAHPs, including the MI Choice program. MDHHS reviews and approves each flyer or brochure before its use.

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (3 of 6)

2. Details (Continued)

b. Administration of Enrollment Process

☐ State staff conducts the enrollment process.

☐ The State contracts with an independent contractor(s) (i.e., enrollment broker) to conduct the enrollment process and related activities.

☐ The State assures CMS the enrollment broker contract meets the independence and freedom from conflict of interest requirements in section 1903(b) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.810.

Broker name: ____________________________

Please list the functions that the contractor will perform:

☐ choice counseling

☐ enrollment

☐ other

Please describe:

☐ State allows MCO/PIHP/PAHP or PCCM to enroll beneficiaries.

Please describe the process:
The waiver agencies enter information related to the Nursing Facility Level of Care Determination Tool into the State’s NFLOC system. The State’s NFLOC system determines whether the individual meets nursing facility level of care. If nursing facility level of care is met, the waiver agency enters a MI Choice enrollment record into CHAMPS when the waiver agency determines the individual requires MI Choice Waiver services. MDHHS reviews a statistically significant sample of LOCDs entered in to the NFLOC system. MDHHS will provide CMS with a semi-annual report of the findings of this review with results presented overall across all the state’s LTSS programs and broken out specifically for the MI Choice waiver. MDHHS makes the determination of Medicaid Eligibility for individuals who do not have Medicaid prior to MI Choice enrollment. When MDHHS determines the individual is eligible for Medicaid, the enrollment is completed in CHAMPS.

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (4 of 6)

2. Details (Continued)

   c. Enrollment. The State has indicated which populations are mandatorily enrolled and which may enroll on a voluntary basis in Section A.I.E.

   [ ] This is a new program.

   Please describe the implementation schedule (e.g. implemented statewide all at once; phased in by area; phased in by population, etc.):

   [ ] This is an existing program that will be expanded during the renewal period.

   Please describe: Please describe the implementation schedule (e.g. new population implemented statewide all at once; phased in by area; phased in by population, etc.):

   [ ] If a potential enrollee does not select an MCO/PIHP/PAHP or PCCM within the given time frame, the potential enrollee will be auto-assigned or default assigned to a plan.

   i. [ ] Potential enrollees will have [ ] day(s) / [ ] month(s) to choose a plan.

   ii. [ ] There is an auto-assignment process or algorithm.

   In the description please indicate the factors considered and whether or not the auto-assignment process assigns persons with special health care needs to an MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM who is their current provider or who is capable of serving their particular needs:

   [ ] The State automatically enrolls beneficiaries.

   [ ] on a mandatory basis into a single MCO, PIHP, or PAHP in a rural area (please also check item A.I.C.3).

   [ ] on a mandatory basis into a single PIHP or PAHP for which it has requested a waiver of the requirement of choice of plans (please also check item A.I.C.1).

   [ ] on a voluntary basis into a single MCO, PIHP, or PAHP. The State must first offer the beneficiary a choice. If the beneficiary does not choose, the State may enroll the beneficiary as long as the beneficiary can opt out at any time without cause.
Please specify geographic areas where this occurs:

☐ The State provides guaranteed eligibility of [ ] months (maximum of 6 months permitted) for MCO/PCCM enrollees under the State plan.

☐ The State allows otherwise mandated beneficiaries to request exemption from enrollment in an MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM.

Please describe the circumstances under which a beneficiary would be eligible for exemption from enrollment. In addition, please describe the exemption process:

☐ The State automatically re-enrolls a beneficiary with the same PCCM or MCO/PIHP/PAHP if there is a loss of Medicaid eligibility of 2 months or less.

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (5 of 6)

2. Details (Continued)

d. Disenrollment

☐ The State allows enrollees to disenroll from transfer between MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs and PCCMs.

Regardless of whether plan or State makes the determination, determination must be made no later than the first day of the second month following the month in which the enrollee or plan files the request. If determination is not made within this time frame, the request is deemed approved.

i. ☐ Enrollee submits request to State.

ii. ☑ Enrollee submits request to MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM. The entity may approve the request, or refer it to the State. The entity may not disapprove the request.

iii. ☐ Enrollee must seek redress through MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM grievance procedure before determination will be made on disenrollment request.

☐ The State does not permit disenrollment from a single PIHP/PAHP (authority under 1902(a)(4) authority must be requested), or from an MCO, PIHP, or PAHP in a rural area.

☐ The State has a lock-in period (i.e. requires continuous enrollment with MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM) of [ ] months (up to 12 months permitted). If so, the State assures it meets the requirements of 42 CFR 438.56(c).

Please describe the good cause reasons for which an enrollee may request disenrollment during the lock-in period (in addition to required good cause reasons of poor quality of care, lack of access to covered services, and lack of access to providers experienced in dealing with enrollee’s health care needs):

☐ The State does not have a lock-in, and enrollees in MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs and PCCMs are allowed to terminate or change their enrollment without cause at any time. The disenrollment/transfer is effective no later than the first day of the second month following the request.

☐ The State permits MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs and PCCMs to request disenrollment of enrollees.

i. ☑ MCO/PIHP/PAHP and PCCM can request reassignment of an enrollee.

Please describe the reasons for which enrollees can request reassignment
The waiver agency may request a transfer based on participant preference or request.

ii. The State reviews and approves all MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM-initiated requests for enrollee transfers or disenrollments.

iii. If the reassignment is approved, the State notifies the enrollee in a direct and timely manner of the desire of the MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM to remove the enrollee from its membership or from the PCCM’s caseload.

iv. The enrollee remains an enrollee of the MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM until another MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM is chosen or assigned.

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (6 of 6)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Steps in Determining Nursing Facility Level of Care (NFLOC)

1. An applicant calls one of his/her local waiver agencies asking about MI Choice.
2. Waiver agency uses the MI Choice Intake Guidelines (MIG) tool to determine the appropriateness of a face-to-face encounter.
3. For applicants who appear eligible for MI Choice from the MIG and request enrollment in MI Choice, a waiver agency schedules a face-to-face meeting with the applicant within 7 days of completion of the MIG or place the applicant on its waiting list.
4. Persons placed on the waiting list are provided adequate notice and information regarding the Medicaid Fair Hearings process.
5. A supports coordinator (a registered nurse or social worker) employed by the waiver agency visits the applicant and conducts the NFLOC determination. This process occurs at the meeting scheduled in step 3 or when the applicant reaches the top of the waiting list. The information from the NFLOC tool is entered into the State's NFLOC system, which then determines if the individual meets nursing facility level of care. The supports coordinator is notified that the individual does or does not meet NFLOC. After the LOCD has been entered into CHAMPS, a statistically significant random sample of LOCD records is pulled for MDHHS review of whether the assessment was conducted correctly. Denials of level of care are also reviewed by MDHHS.
6. Applicants who meet NFLOC criteria follow this process:
   a. Supports coordinator provides information regarding options for receiving Long Term Care.
   b. Supports coordinator provides a Freedom of Choice form that indicates the applicant meets NFLOC criteria and asks the applicant to specify their preferred option for receiving Long Term Care. The Freedom of Choice form is explained to the applicant and signed by the supports coordinator and the applicant or applicant’s representative.
   c. If the applicant chooses MI Choice, the supports coordinator may begin the MI Choice enrollment process.
   d. If the applicant does not choose MI Choice, the supports coordinator provides contact information for their preferred option, and may assist the applicants with the process of contacting the provider.
7. Applicants who do not meet nursing facility level of care criteria follow this process:
   a. Supports coordinator provides the applicant with adequate notice that includes information on how to request a Medicaid Fair Hearing, and how to request an immediate review.
   b. Supports coordinator provides the applicant with information regarding options for receiving services in the community.
   c. Supports coordinator provides a Freedom of Choice form that indicates the applicant does not meet NFLOC criteria. The Freedom of Choice form is explained to the applicant and signed by the supports coordinator and the applicant or applicant’s representative.
   d. Supports coordinator may provide contact information for other programs for which the applicant may qualify and may assist the applicant with contacting these programs.

Steps to Enrolling in MI Choice

1. Once the NFLOC determination is made, confirms the applicant meets NFLOC criteria, and the Freedom of Choice form is completed, the supports coordinator may begin the assessment process.
   a. MDHHS requires MI Choice initial assessments to be completed by a team of supports coordinators comprised of both a registered nurse and a social worker.
   b. Prior to scheduling the assessment, the waiver agency will notify the applicant of the option to have a supports broker and other informal supports present during the assessment.
   c. The assessment may occur immediately after the NFLOC determination or be scheduled for a later date, according to
2. During the assessment, the supports coordinators ascertain whether the applicant has been approved for Medicaid, or whether the applicant needs to apply for Medicaid.
   a. Applicants with approved Medicaid move to the next step.
   b. All other applicants will be asked information to assess potential eligibility for Medicaid. When applicable, and authorized by the applicant, the supports coordinators may assist the applicant with completing a Medicaid application, gathering verification documents, and submitting the application to MDHHS. This process is not usually completed in a single visit.
3. From data gathered during the assessment process, the supports coordinators may begin developing a person-centered service plan with the applicant. This process will assist with identifying the need for at least one MI Choice service in addition to supports coordination. This process may occur at a subsequent meeting and does not have to occur on the same day as the assessment.
4. Applicant will approve or disapprove services included on the person-centered service plan. The supports coordinator will assist the applicant with identifying MI Choice services and service providers, frequency, duration, other interventions, goals, and desired outcomes to include on the person-centered service plan.
5. Waiver agency will notify the Michigan Department Health and Human Services (MDHHS) of the applicant’s desire to enroll in MI Choice and provide the desired MI Choice start date, and when applicable, provide the completed Medicaid application.
6. MDHHS eligibility specialists determine Medicaid financial and medical eligibility.
7. When the Medicaid eligibility determination has been made by MDHHS, the waiver agency submits the enrollment record into the CHAMPS system.
8. If the applicant is determined to not be eligible for Medicaid, MDHHS provides Adverse Action notices to applicants according to established policy along with a Request for an Administrative Hearing form.
9. Waiver agency may begin services once the person-centered service plan is developed, but MDHHS will not generate a capitation payment until the PAHP processes the MI Choice waiver online enrollment in CHAMPS.
Section A: Program Description
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E. Grievance System (1 of 5)

1. Assurances for All Programs States, MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and States in PCCM and FFS selective contracting programs are required to provide Medicaid enrollees with access to the State fair hearing process as required under 42 CFR 431 Subpart E, including:
   a. informing Medicaid enrollees about their fair hearing rights in a manner that assures notice at the time of an action,
   b. ensuring that enrollees may request continuation of benefits during a course of treatment during an appeal or reinstatement of services if State takes action without the advance notice and as required in accordance with State Policy consistent with fair hearings. The State must also inform enrollees of the procedures by which benefits can be continued for reinstated, and
   c. other requirements for fair hearings found in 42 CFR 431, Subpart E.

   The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(a)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.56 Disenrollment; in so far as these regulations are applicable.

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2. Assurances For MCO or PIHP programs MCOs/PIHPs are required to have an internal grievance system that allows an enrollee or a provider on behalf of an enrollee to challenge the denial of coverage of, or payment for services as required by section 1932(b)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438 Subpart H.

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   These assurances apply to MI Choice PAHPs.

   The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO or PIHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(b)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438 Subpart F Grievance System. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

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3. Details for MCO or PIHP programs

   a. Direct Access to Fair Hearing

   The State requires enrollees to exhaust the MCO or PIHP grievance and appeal process before enrollees may request a state fair hearing.

   The State does not require enrollees to exhaust the MCO or PIHP grievance and appeal process before enrollees may request a state fair hearing.
b. Timeframes

☐ The State’s timeframe within which an enrollee, or provider on behalf of an enrollee, must file an appeal is ___________ days (between 20 and 90).

☐ The State’s timeframe within which an enrollee must file a grievance is ___________ days.

c. Special Needs

☐ The State has special processes in place for persons with special needs.

Please describe:

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4. Optional grievance systems for PCCM and PAHP programs. States, at their option, may operate a PCCM and/or PAHP grievance procedure (distinct from the fair hearing process) administered by the State agency or the PCCM and/or PAHP that provides for prompt resolution of issues. These grievance procedures are strictly voluntary and may not interfere with a PCCM, or PAHP enrollee’s freedom to make a request for a fair hearing or a PCCM or PAHP enrollee’s direct access to a fair hearing in instances involving terminations, reductions, and suspensions of already authorized Medicaid covered services.

☑ The State has a grievance procedure for its PCCM and/or PAHP program characterized by the following (please check any of the following optional procedures that apply to the optional PCCM/PAHP grievance procedure):

The grievance procedures are operated by:

☐ the State

☐ the State’s contractor.

Please identify:

☐ the PCCM

☑ the PAHP

☐ Requests for review can be made in the PCCM and/or PAHP grievance system (e.g. grievance, appeals):

Please describe:

☐ Has a committee or staff who review and resolve requests for review.

Please describe if the State has any specific committee or staff composition or if this is a fiscal agent, enrollment broker, or PCCM administrator function:

☐ Specifies a time frame from the date of action for the enrollee to file a request for review.

Please specify the time frame for each type of request for review:
Has time frames for resolving requests for review.

*Specify the time period set for each type of request for review:*

Establishes and maintains an expedited review process.

*Please explain the reasons for the process and specify the time frame set by the State for this process:*

Permits enrollees to appear before State PCCM/PAHP personnel responsible for resolving the request for review.

Notifies the enrollee in writing of the decision and any further opportunities for additional review, as well as the procedures available to challenge the decision.

*Other.*

*Please explain:*

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E. Grievance System (5 of 5)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

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Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

F. Program Integrity (1 of 3)

1. Assurances

- The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(d)(1) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.610 Prohibited Affiliations with Individuals Barred by Federal Agencies. The State assures that it prohibits an MCO, PCCM, PIHP, or PAHP from knowingly having a relationship listed below with:
  1. An individual who is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from participating in procurement activities under the Federal Acquisition Regulation or from participating in nonprocurement activities under regulations issued under Executive Order No. 12549 or under guidelines implementing Executive Order No. 12549, or
  2. An individual who is an affiliate, as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation, of a person described above.

The prohibited relationships are:

1. A director, officer, or partner of the MCO, PCCM, PIHP, or PAHP;
2. A person with beneficial ownership of five percent or more of the MCO’s, PCCM’s, PIHP’s, or PAHP’s equity;
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- The State assures that it complies with section 1902(p)(2) and 42 CFR 431.55, which require section 1915(b) waiver programs to exclude entities that:

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Could be excluded under section 1128(b)(8) of the Act as being controlled by a sanctioned individual;

Has a substantial contractual relationship (direct or indirect) with an individual convicted of certain crimes described in section 1128(b)(8)(B) of the Act;

Employs or contracts directly or indirectly with an individual or entity that is excluded from furnishing health care, utilization review, medical social services, or administrative services pursuant to section 1128 or 1128A of the Act, or could be excluded under 1128(b)(8) as being controlled by a sanctioned individual.

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2. Assurances For MCO or PIHP programs

☐ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(d)(1) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.608 Program Integrity Requirements, in so far as these regulations are applicable.

☐ State payments to an MCO or PIHP are based on data submitted by the MCO or PIHP. If so, the State assures CMS that it is in compliance with 42 CFR 438.604 Data that must be Certified, and 42 CFR 438.606 Source, Content, Timing of Certification.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs.

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Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

F. Program Integrity (3 of 3)

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Part I: Summary Chart of Monitoring Activities

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## Section B: Monitoring Plan

### Part I: Summary Chart of Monitoring Activities

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Section B: Monitoring Plan

Part I: Summary Chart of Monitoring Activities

Summary of Monitoring Activities (3 of 3)

The charts in this section summarize the activities used to monitor major areas of the waiver program. The purpose is to provide a “big picture” of the monitoring activities, and that the State has at least one activity in place to monitor each of the areas of the waiver that must be monitored.

Please note:
- **MCO, PIHP, and PAHP programs:**
  - There must be at least one checkmark in each column.
- **PCCM and FFS selective contracting programs:**
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Part II: Details of Monitoring Activities
Details of Monitoring Activities by Authorized Programs

For each program authorized by this waiver, please provide the details of its monitoring activities by editing each program listed below.

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Note: If no programs appear in this list, please define the programs authorized by this waiver on the

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Part II: Details of Monitoring Activities
Program Instance: MI Choice

Please check each of the monitoring activities below used by the State. A number of common activities are listed below, but the State may identify any others it uses. If federal regulations require a given activity, this is indicated just after the name of the activity. If the State does not use a required activity, it must explain why.

For each activity, the state must provide the following information:

- Personnel responsible (e.g. state Medicaid, other state agency, delegated to plan, EQR, other contractor)
- Detailed description of activity
- Frequency of use
- How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored

a. □ Accreditation for Non-duplication (i.e. if the contractor is accredited by an organization to meet certain access, structure/operation, and/or quality improvement standards, and the state determines that the organization’s standards are at least as stringent as the state-specific standards required in 42 CFR 438 Subpart D, the state deems the contractor to be in compliance with the state-specific standards)

Activity Details:

- NCQA
- JCAHO
- AAAHC
- Other

Please describe:

b. □ Accreditation for Participation (i.e. as prerequisite to be Medicaid plan)

Activity Details:

Some of the MI Choice Waiver agencies are accredited by either NCQA or CARF. The accreditation information may be viewed on the MDHHS MI Choice website at: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_2943_4857_5045-16263--,00.html

- NCQA
- JCAHO
- AAAHC
- Other

Please describe:

- CARF

c. □ Consumer Self-Report data

Activity Details:

1) MDHHS has implemented a statewide participant survey tool used to gather feedback on satisfaction of the quality of care and quality of life from the participants’ perspectives.
Each participant is given the survey by a third party vendor. The vendor compiles the reports and identifies areas that need improvement. Data is also shared with MDHHS who then reviews the data looking for trends or issues that may be addressed by MDHHS through a statewide quality improvement project.

2) MDHHS contracts with an EQRO with qualified reviewers who annually conduct a Clinical Quality Assurance Review (CQAR) to determine the waiver agency’s adherence to the MI Choice clinical requirements. MDHHS conducts a biennial Administrative Quality Assurance Review (AQR) to determine whether waiver agency policies and procedures comply to State and Federal requirements. Both of these reviews include visits to participant homes. At that time, participants self-report information about their quality of care. MDHHS uses this data to assess the effectiveness of the care received from the waiver agency and also uses it to determine areas in need of improvement.

3) A leadership group composed of consumers, advocates and waiver agency staff organized into the MI Choice Person Focused Quality Management Collaboration (QMC). A MI Choice participant currently serves as the QMC chairperson and leads each meeting. The purpose of the QMC is to include consumers and advocates in the development and review of MI Choice quality management activities. The QMC provides a venue where consumers and advocates can review a variety of quality outcomes, identify areas that need improvement, develop strategies for remediation of service delivery, and recommend improvements to the Michigan Medicaid service delivery system. The QMC allows the provision of meaningful input by consumers and advocates during the implementation of person-centered planning and self-determination care options that increase participant satisfaction with services and supports.

☑ CAHPS

Please identify which one(s):
- HCBS Survey
- Disenrollment survey
- Consumer/beneficiary focus group

☐ Data Analysis (non-claims)

Activity Details:
The state assures quality in the services that are covered by the selective contracting program as identified in Appendices C and H of the §1915(c) waiver. Appendix C details the services, provider qualifications, credentialing standards, and provider training. Appendix H details the quality improvement strategy for the MI Choice program. MDHHS originally selected the selective contracting providers (waiver agencies) through a Request for Proposal process that included all of the requirements indicated in Appendix C. All other service providers are designated through a contract between the waiver agencies and the direct service providers.

To ensure that providers continue to meet requirements, MDHHS uses the MI Choice Site Review Protocol (MICSRP) to assess the performance of waiver agencies and assure that services covered by the selective contracting program are performed in accordance with waiver requirements included in their contracts. MDHHS developed the MICSRP with input from waiver agencies, participants, advocates, the Area Agency on Aging Association, and other stakeholders. MDHHS updates the MICSRP biennially or more frequently if needed to incorporate general improvements, policy changes, CMS initiatives, and MDHHS priorities.

The MICSRP has two parts, the Administrative Quality Assurance Review (AQR) and the Clinical Quality Assurance Review (CQR) that also includes a participant home visit protocol. MDHHS staff developed a scoring system and algorithms to weight each standard in the MICSRP. This system allows MDHHS staff to calculate compliance equitably for each waiver agency, based on data obtained from the AQR and CQR, regardless of sample size.
The AQAR focuses on assuring that each waiver agency has policies and procedures consistent with waiver requirements. MDHHS staff completes the AQAR biennially for each waiver agency. During the on-site AQAR, MDHHS staff examines waiver agency policies and procedures, contract templates, financial systems, claims accuracy, and Quality Management Plans in detail seeking evidence of compliance to the AQAR standards.

MDHHS has qualified reviewers who complete the CQAR. The reviewers evaluate the waiver agency’s enrollment, assessment, level of care evaluations, care planning, and reassessment activities annually seeking evidence of compliance to the CQAR standards. The reviewers collect and review both qualitative and objective data, and evaluate the assessment and supports coordinators’ actions to assure that the plan of service includes every participant need identified in the assessment. The reviewers determine the waiver agency’s level of compliance to the standards included in the MICSRP. The reviewers send an initial report of all non-evident findings and a listing of any findings that require immediate remediation. Any findings related to the health and welfare of an enrolled participant would require immediate remediation. The immediate remediation is due within two weeks. Waiver agencies also are given the opportunity to provide additional documentation for any non-evident findings due within two weeks. The reviewers examine submitted documentation to assure the waiver agency addressed all items that required immediate remediation. Some scores may be revised if documentation was overlooked or missing during the initial review.

Both the AQAR and CQAR review elements that make up the performance measures in each appendix of the §1915(c) waiver. The AQAR and CQAR include reviews of the following:

1) Participant access and level of care determination
2) Participant-centered service planning
3) Service delivery
4) Provider capacity and capabilities
5) Participant safeguards related to health and welfare
6) Participant rights and responsibilities
7) Participant outcomes and satisfaction
8) System performance

Once AQAR or CQAR data is complete, MDHHS compiles reports to send to the waiver agency. Each report includes a summary of successes in practice and deficiencies in practice. MDHHS divides the deficiencies into citations and recommendations based upon algorithms for each standard. The waiver agency has 30 days to respond to the citations with a corrective action plan. The corrective action plan may also include actions to address recommendations, but MDHHS does not mandate this. MDHHS works with the waiver agency to assure the corrective action plan will produce quality improvements. Once the waiver agency and MDHHS agree on the final corrective action plan, MDHHS sends approval and written documentation detailing the plan to the waiver agency. MDHHS applies algorithms to final AQAR and CQAR data to determine an overall quality score for each waiver agency and statewide.

More detail on the MI Choice Quality Improvement System is identified in Appendix H of the §1915(c) waiver.

MDHHS also reviews aggregate reports on various aspects of the MI Choice program including results of CQARs and AQARs, assessment data including Quality Indicators (QI) that measure 20 Participant Health Status Outcomes, enrollment and disenrollment data, and critical incident reports. Data reports are used to discover areas needing follow-up, research or improvement.

MDHHS developed the Critical Incident Reporting system with assistance from the QMC and other stakeholders. MDHHS requires each waiver agency to report all critical incidents in the web-based Critical Incident Reporting System. MDHHS defines procedures for reporting critical incidents in the Supports Coordination Service Performance Standards.
and Waiver Operating Criteria, which is an attachment to the waiver agency contract with MDHHS. Waiver agencies manage critical incidents at the local level by identifying and evaluating each incident. Supports coordinators then initiate strategies and interventions approved by participants to prevent further incidents and follow-up, track and compile mandatory critical incident reports.

- Denials of referral requests
- Disenrollment requests by enrollee
  - From plan
  - From PCP within plan
- Grievances and appeals data
- Other

Please describe:
MDHHS reviews appeal and decision summaries as they become available. MDHHS keeps track of the types of appeals, whether decisions were affirmed or reversed, and checks for trends or issues.

e. Enrollee Hotlines
   Activity Details:

f. Focused Studies (detailed investigations of certain aspects of clinical or non-clinical services at a point in time, to answer defined questions. Focused studies differ from performance improvement projects in that they do not require demonstrable and sustained improvement in significant aspects of clinical care and non-clinical service)
   Activity Details:

g. Geographic mapping
   Activity Details:

h. Independent Assessment (Required for first two waiver periods)
   Activity Details:
For details on the CQAR, AQAR, and MICSRP processes, please refer to box d above. MDHHS will arrange for an independent assessment of the MI Choice program and will submit the findings prior to renewing the waiver program.

i. Measure any Disparities by Racial or Ethnic Groups
   Activity Details:

j. Network Adequacy Assurance by Plan [Required for MCO/PIHP/PAHP]
   Activity Details:
Each waiver agency uses an open bid process to contract with qualified providers in their service area that are willing to furnish MI Choice services. MDHHS requires each waiver agency to have a provider network with capacity to serve at least 125% of their monthly slot utilization for each MI Choice service, and at least two providers for each MI Choice service. When waiver agencies cannot assure this choice within 30 miles or 30 minutes travel time for each enrollee, they may request a rural area exception from the Department. This assures network capacity as well as choice of providers.

k. Ombudsman
   Activity Details:
1. **On-Site Review**

   **Activity Details:**
   To ensure that providers continue to meet requirements, MDHHS uses the MI Choice Site Review Protocol (MICSRP) to assess the performance of waiver agencies and assure that services covered by the selective contracting program are performed in accordance with waiver requirements included in their contracts. MDHHS developed the MICSRP with input from waiver agencies, participants, advocates, the Area Agency on Aging Association, and other stakeholders. MDHHS updates the MICSRP biennially or more frequently if needed to incorporate general improvements, policy changes, CMS initiatives, and MDHHS priorities.

   The MICSRP has two parts, the Administrative Quality Assurance Review (AQAR) and the Clinical Quality Assurance Review (CQAR) that also includes a participant home visit protocol. MDHHS staff developed a scoring system and algorithms to weight each standard in the MICSRP. This system allows MDHHS staff to calculate compliance equitably for each waiver agency, based on data obtained from the AQAR and CQAR, regardless of sample size.

   The AQAR focuses on assuring that each waiver agency has policies and procedures consistent with waiver requirements. MDHHS staff completes the AQAR biennially for each waiver agency. During the on-site AQAR, MDHHS staff examines waiver agency policies and procedures, contract templates, financial systems, claims accuracy, and Quality Management Plans in detail seeking evidence of compliance to the AQAR standards.

   MDHHS has qualified reviewers who complete the CQAR. The reviewers evaluate the waiver agency’s enrollment, assessment, level of care evaluations, care planning, and reassessment activities annually seeking evidence of compliance to the CQAR standards. The reviewers collect and review both qualitative and objective data, and evaluate the assessment and supports coordinators’ actions to assure that the plan of service includes every participant need identified in the assessment. The reviewers determine the waiver agency’s level of compliance to the standards included in the MICSRP. The reviewers send an initial report of all non-evident findings and a listing of any findings that require immediate remediation. Any findings related to the health and welfare of an enrolled participant would require immediate remediation. The immediate remediation is due within two weeks. Waiver agencies also are given the opportunity to provide additional documentation for any non-evident findings due within two weeks. The reviewers examine submitted documentation to assure the waiver agency addressed all items that required immediate remediation. Some scores may be revised if documentation was overlooked or missing during the initial review.

   Both the AQAR and CQAR review elements that make up the performance measures in each appendix of the §1915(c) waiver. The AQAR and CQAR include reviews of the following:

   1) Participant access and level of care determination
   2) Participant-centered service planning
   3) Service delivery
   4) Provider capacity and capabilities
   5) Participant safeguards related to health and welfare
   6) Participant rights and responsibilities
   7) Participant outcomes and satisfaction
   8) System performance

   Once AQAR or CQAR data is complete, MDHHS compiles reports to send to the waiver agency. Each report includes a summary of successes in practice and deficiencies in practice. MDHHS divides the deficiencies into citations and recommendations based upon...
algorithms for each standard. The waiver agency has 30 days to respond to the citations with a corrective action plan. The corrective action plan may also include actions to address recommendations, but MDHHS does not mandate this. MDHHS works with the waiver agency to assure the corrective action plan will produce quality improvements. Once the waiver agency and MDHHS agree on the final corrective action plan, MDHHS sends approval and written documentation detailing the plan to the waiver agency. MDHHS applies algorithms to final AQAR and CQAR data to determine an overall quality score for each waiver agency and statewide.

m. **Performance Improvement Projects [Required for MCO/PIHP]**
   
   **Activity Details:**
   MDHHS establishes a Quality Management Plan (QMP) biennially, which includes statewide goals and strategies identified in part by the consumer-run Quality Management Collaborative. The QMP focuses on meeting CMS assurances and requirements for protecting the health and welfare of waiver participants, MDHHS contract requirements, and targeted participant outcome improvement goals. MDHHS requires each waiver agency to have its own QMP and reviews them biennially. MDHHS guides, prompts, and assists each waiver agency in preparing and updating its QMP based on individual agency and provider network results from compliance reviews, participant outcomes, consumer survey results, complaint history, and other performance based outcomes. Each waiver agency includes the MDHHS required goals in its QMP and adds its own unique quality improvement goals, or self-targeted quality improvement strategies, including service provider performance requirements and administrative improvements. Performance Improvement Projects include both clinical and nonclinical aspects of the program.

   - Clinical
   - Non-clinical

n. **Performance Measures [Required for MCO/PIHP]**
   
   **Activity Details:**
   The PAHP quality assessment and performance improvement (QAPI) programs include those performance measures specified by MDHHS related to quality of life, rebalancing, and community integration activities.

   - Process
   - Health status/ outcomes
   - Access/ availability of care
   - Use of services/ utilization
   - Health plan stability/ financial/ cost of care
   - Health plan/ provider characteristics
   - Beneficiary characteristics

o. **Periodic Comparison of # of Providers**
   
   **Activity Details:**

p. **Profile Utilization by Provider Caseload (looking for outliers)**
   
   **Activity Details:**

q. **Provider Self-Report Data**
   
   **Activity Details:**
   - Survey of providers
Focus

r. Test 24/7 PCP Availability

Activity Details:

s. Utilization Review (e.g. ER, non-authorized specialist requests)

Activity Details:

Other

Activity Details:
MDHHS has a well established quality improvement strategy (QIS) in place for the MI Choice program as detailed in the 1915(c) waiver application. MDHHS designed the strategy to assess and improve the quality of services and supports managed by the 20 waiver agencies that administer MI Choice.

PAHPS do not conduct marketing or use PCPs and specialists.

Section C: Monitoring Results

Renewal Waiver Request

Section 1915(b) of the Act and 42 CFR 431.55 require that the State must document and maintain data regarding the effect of the waiver on the accessibility and quality of services as well as the anticipated impact of the project on the State’s Medicaid program. In Section B of this waiver preprint, the State describes how it will assure these requirements are met. For an initial waiver request, the State provides assurance in this Section C that it will report on the results of its monitoring plan when it submits its waiver renewal request. For a renewal request, the State provides evidence that waiver requirements were met for the most recent waiver period. Please use Section D to provide evidence of cost-effectiveness.

CMS uses a multi-pronged effort to monitor waiver programs, including rate and contract review, site visits, reviews of External Quality Review reports on MCOs/PIHPs, and reviews of Independent Assessments. CMS will use the results of these activities and reports along with this Section to evaluate whether the Program Impact, Access, and Quality requirements of the waiver were met.

This is a renewal request.

This is the first time the State is using this waiver format to renew an existing waiver. The State provides below the results of the monitoring activities conducted during the previous waiver period.

The State has used this format previously. The State provides below the results of the monitoring activities conducted during the previous waiver period.

For each of the monitoring activities checked in Section B of the previous waiver request, the State should:

- Confirm it was conducted as described in Section B of the previous waiver preprint. If it was not done as described, please explain why.
- Summarize the results or findings of each activity. CMS may request detailed results as appropriate.
- Identify problems found, if any.
- Describe plan/provider-level corrective action, if any, that was taken. The State need not identify the provider/plan by name, but must provide the rest of the required information.
- Describe system-level program changes, if any, made as a result of monitoring findings.

The Monitoring Activities were conducted as described:
Provide the results of the monitoring activities:

1. Consumer Self-Report Data
MDHHS has conducted participant surveys to gather feedback on their satisfaction with the quality of care and quality of life. Waiver agencies have reviewed the surveys to identify any problem areas that are in need of improvement. MDHHS also reviewed survey data and worked with the waiver agencies to make improvements as needed. Participant surveys have been conducted twice per year in January and June. Results are shared with waiver agencies. Results for the most recent aggregated data for the participant surveys for each waiver agency are posted on the MI Choice website.

The Clinical Quality Assurance Review (CQAR) team has made annual visits to participants’ homes. During these home visits, participants were offered an opportunity to report information about their quality of care and experience with the program. This is reported to MDHHS, and MDHHS includes this information in the CMS-372 report within other performance measure information. Results of the CQAR reviews are also posted on the MI Choice website.

Quality Management Collaborative meetings were held on a quarterly basis and there were also QMC Steering Committee conference calls at least once per month, and QMC participant-only meetings are every two months. These meetings included program participants, advocates and waiver agency representatives. This is a venue for MDHHS to notify stakeholders of ideas, potential program changes, and also for participants and advocates to provide feedback on program effectiveness or areas that need improvement. Conference calls have been held more often than monthly as needed.

2. Data Analysis
Administrative Quality Assurance Reviews (AQAR) and Clinical Quality Assurance Reviews (CQAR) have been performed by MDHHS and the CQAR team to obtain data related to the performance measures indicated in the 1915(c) waiver for MI Choice. AQAR functions are conducted on a bi-ennial basis, and CQAR functions conducted on an annual basis. Information was compiled and analyzed using algorithms and other scoring criteria for the various topic areas such as enrollment, assessment, level of care evaluations, person-centered service plans, financial accountability, policies and procedures, critical incidents, etc. Results and deficiencies were then sent to the waiver agencies to determine corrective action that needed to be taken. These reviews have occurred throughout the five years of the approved Waiver. There have been no known major system-wide problems. Results from AQAR and CQAR reviews have been included in the CMS-372 report in the performance measure reporting. Results of the CQAR reviews are also posted on the MI Choice website.

MDHHS has also reviewed all appeal and decision summaries from the State Fair Hearings process related to the program and required corrective action from waiver agencies as needed.

3. Independent Assessment
The EQRO and CQAR team has conducted independent assessment of the MI Choice program. MDHHS has contracted with an External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) to complete reviews of the program. The EQRO is responsible for evaluating information for the various performance measures as listed under the 1915c waiver. These evaluations have been included in the annual CMS-372 reports as well as the IPG report. Results of the reviews are also posted on the MI Choice website.

4. Network Adequacy Assurance by Plan
MDHHS has reviewed each waiver agency's provider network based on program requirements several times within the past five years. The agencies have submitted information to MDHHS for review and approval. MDHHS has notified the agencies when there are deficiencies in the provider network. There have been no known major system-wide problems. Some waiver agencies have requested rural exceptions from MDHHS for certain services, and these exceptions have been granted. MDHHS has this information saved in electronic files and can be retrieved as needed. A rural exception has been granted to Region 3B Area Agency on Aging, AAA Northwest Michigan, and AAA Western Michigan for the Adult Day Health service.

5. On-Site Reviews
CQAR and AQAR have conducted on-site reviews of the waiver agencies to ensure contract requirements are met, the agencies are properly providing services to participants, critical incidents are being reported as required, etc. Results of the site reviews were compiled and provided to the waiver agencies so corrective action could be taken as needed. There have been no known major system-wide problems. Results are included with the performance measures in the CMS-372 report annually. Results of the CQAR reviews are also posted on the MI Choice website.

6. Performance Improvement Projects
MDHHS has developed Quality Management Plans, which include goals and strategies (indicators) to assure quality program operations and service delivery. Waiver agencies have utilized the Quality Management Plans as a basis for their own quality management/improvement plans. Quality Management Plans are done every two years. Alternating years include MDHHS receiving updates from waiver agencies as to progress that has been made. The waiver agencies submitted their plans to MDHHS for review and approval. The Quality Management Plan indicators are shared with the Quality Management Collaborative which includes MI Choice participants. Some waiver agencies are also NCQA accredited and have performance projects related to their NCQA accreditation. The information can be provided to CMS as needed, but each waiver agency has their own projects and plans.

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**Include actual data and dates used in conversion - no estimates
*Projections start on Quarter and include data for requested waiver period

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Services Included in the Waiver

Document the services included in the waiver cost-effectiveness analysis:

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A. Assurances

a. [Required] Through the submission of this waiver, the State assures CMS:

- The fiscal staff in the Medicaid agency has reviewed these calculations for accuracy and attests to their correctness.
- The State assures CMS that the actual waiver costs will be less than or equal to or the State's waiver cost projection.
- Capitated rates will be set following the requirements of 42 CFR 438.6(c) and will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval.
- Capitated 1915(b)(3) services will be set in an actuarially sound manner based only on approved 1915(b)(3) services and their administration subject to CMS RO prior approval.
- The State will monitor, on a regular basis, the cost-effectiveness of the waiver (for example, the State may compare the PMPM Actual Waiver Cost from the CMS 64 to the approved Waiver Cost Projections). If changes are needed, the State will submit a prospective amendment modifying the Waiver Cost Projections.
- The State will submit quarterly actual member month enrollment statistics by MEG in conjunction with the State’s submitted CMS-64 forms.

Signature:  
Kathleen Stiffler  
State Medicaid Director or Designee

Submission Date:  
Nov 7, 2018  
Note: The Signature and Submission Date fields will be automatically completed when the State Medicaid Director submits the application.

b. Name of Medicaid Financial Officer making these assurances:  
Brian Barrie

c. Telephone Number:  
(517) 335-5131

d. E-mail:  
BarrieB@michigan.gov

e. The State is choosing to report waiver expenditures based on  
☐ date of payment.
date of service within date of payment. The State understands the additional reporting requirements in the CMS-64 and has used the cost effectiveness spreadsheets designed specifically for reporting by date of service within day of payment. The State will submit an initial test upon the first renewal and then an initial and final test (for the preceding 4 years) upon the second renewal and thereafter.

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B. Expedited or Comprehensive Test

To provide information on the waiver program to determine whether the waiver will be subject to the Expedited or Comprehensive cost effectiveness test. Note: All waivers, even those eligible for the Expedited test, are subject to further review at the discretion of CMS and OMB.

- The State provides additional services under 1915(b)(3) authority.
- The State makes enhanced payments to contractors or providers.
- The State uses a sole-source procurement process to procure State Plan services under this waiver.
- Note: do not mark this box if this is a waiver for transportation services and dental pre-paid ambulatory health plans (PAHPs) that has overlapping populations with another waiver meeting one of these three criteria. For transportation and dental waivers alone, States do not need to consider an overlapping population with another waiver containing additional services, enhanced payments, or sole source procurement as a trigger for the comprehensive waiver test. However, if the transportation services or dental PAHP waiver meets the criteria in a, b, or c for additional services, enhanced payments, or sole source procurement then the State should mark the appropriate box and process the waiver using the Comprehensive Test.

If you marked any of the above, you must complete the entire preprint and your renewal waiver is subject to the Comprehensive Test. If you did not mark any of the above, your renewal waiver (not conversion or initial waiver) is subject to the Expedited Test:

- Do not complete Appendix D3
- Your waiver will not be reviewed by OMB at the discretion of CMS and OMB.

The following questions are to be completed in conjunction with the Worksheet Appendices. All narrative explanations should be included in the preprint. Where further clarification was needed, we have included additional information in the preprint.

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C. Capitated portion of the waiver only: Type of Capitated Contract

The response to this question should be the same as in A.I.b.

- MCO
- PIHP
- PAHP
- PCCM
- Other

Please describe:

The PAHP is paid on a risk basis.
D. PCCM portion of the waiver only: Reimbursement of PCCM Providers

Under this waiver, providers are reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis. PCCMs are reimbursed for patient management in the following manner (please check and describe):

a. ☐ Management fees are expected to be paid under this waiver.
   The management fees were calculated as follows.
   1. ☐ Year 1: $ per member per month fee.
   2. ☐ Year 2: $ per member per month fee.
   3. ☐ Year 3: $ per member per month fee.
   4. ☐ Year 4: $ per member per month fee.

b. ☐ Enhanced fee for primary care services.
   Please explain which services will be affected by enhanced fees and how the amount of the enhancement was determined.

c. ☐ Bonus payments from savings generated under the program are paid to case managers who control beneficiary utilization. Under D.I.H.d., please describe the criteria the State will use for awarding the incentive payments, the method for calculating incentives/bonuses, and the monitoring the State will have in place to ensure that total payments to the providers do not exceed the Waiver Cost Projections (Appendix D5). Bonus payments and incentives for reducing utilization are limited to savings of State Plan service costs under the waiver. Please also describe how the State will ensure that utilization is not adversely affected due to incentives inherent in the bonus payments. The costs associated with any bonus arrangements must be accounted for in Appendix D3. Actual Waiver Cost.

d. ☐ Other reimbursement method/amount.
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   Please explain the State's rationale for determining this method or amount.

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E. Member Months

Please mark all that apply.

a. ☑ [Required] Population in the base year and R1 and R2 data is the population under the waiver.

b. ☑ For a renewal waiver, because of the timing of the waiver renewal submittal, the State did not have a complete R2 to submit. Please ensure that the formulas correctly calculated the annualized trend rates. Note: it is no longer acceptable to estimate enrollment or cost data for R2 of the previous waiver period.

c. ☑ [Required] Explain the reason for any increase or decrease in member months projections from the base year or over time:
   Retrospective year 1 (R1) represents state fiscal year (SFY) 2017 covering the time period from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017, with retrospective year (R2) representing a 6-month time period from October 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. As the waiver is being renewed prior to the end of the currently approved waiver period, R2 reflects only 6 months of actual experience. Historical member months summarized from the monthly data process have been reported for R1 and R2. The member months were developed based upon the number of capitation payments made for MI Choice participants during the retrospective time periods. We have included an adjustment to future enrollment based on a 1 percent annualized trend for future periods.

d. ☑ [Required] Explain any other variance in eligible member months from BY/R1 to P2:
   None.

e. ☑ [Required] Specify whether the BY/R1/R2 is a State fiscal year (SFY), Federal fiscal year (FFY), or other period:
   State fiscal year (SFY), which is the same as the Federal fiscal year (FFY).
Appendix D1 – Member Months

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F. Appendix D2.S - Services in Actual Waiver Cost

For Conversion or Renewal Waivers:

a. [Required] Explain if different services are included in the Actual Waiver Cost from the previous period in Appendix D3 than for the upcoming waiver period in Appendix D5. Explain the differences here and how the adjustments were made on Appendix D5:

The current 1915(b) waiver application was used to detail the list of covered services under the MI Choice Waiver program. An addition was made for the new Community Health Worker service that is being added in this waiver renewal. All services are identified as 1915(c) waiver services being paid through a capitated reimbursement methodology.

b. [Required] Explain the exclusion of any services from the cost-effectiveness analysis.

For States with multiple waivers serving a single beneficiary, please document how all costs for waiver covered individuals taken into account.

There have been no services excluded from the cost-effectiveness analysis.

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G. Appendix D2.A - Administration in Actual Waiver Cost

[Required] The State allocated administrative costs between the Fee-for-service and managed care program depending upon the program structure. Note: initial programs will enter only FFS costs in the BY. Renewal and Conversion waivers will enter all waiver and FFS administrative costs in the R1 and R2 or BY.

The allocation method for either initial or renewal waivers is explained below:

a. The State allocates the administrative costs to the managed care program based upon the number of waiver enrollees as a percentage of total Medicaid enrollees. Note: this is appropriate for MCO/PCCM programs.

b. The State allocates administrative costs based upon the program cost as a percentage of the total Medicaid budget. It would not be appropriate to allocate the administrative cost of a mental health program based upon the percentage of enrollees enrolled. Note: this is appropriate for statewide PIHP/PAHP programs.

c. Other

Please explain:

The per member per month (PMPM) state administrative cost that was filed with the previously approved waiver has been maintained in this waiver renewal and adjusted the aggregate expense to align with current membership. The distribution of administrative expenses reflects a distribution amongst the reported categories consistent with the previously approved waiver.

Administrative expenses were developed based on the percent of total historical state administrative costs associated with the MI Choice waiver program. We applied a percentage to the state’s expenses which developed PMPM amounts in line with previously filed values. Experience reported in the current 1915(b) waiver filing was reviewed and allocated the administrative expenses for the R1 and R2 time periods across Operations and Salaries, Employee Benefits, Actuarial Costs consistent with the current filing.

The Supports Coordination/Case Management services were transitioned to a waiver service during the current waiver period. Therefore, expenses associated with these functions are not reflected in the state administrative cost component, rather they are included in the capitation rates paid to the MI Choice waiver agents. The MI Choice waiver agents report the Supports Coordination/Case Management services in their encounter data.

Appendix D2.A: Administration in Actual Waiver Cost

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H. Appendix D3 - Actual Waiver Cost
The State is requesting a 1915(b)(3) waiver in Section A.I.A.1.c and will be providing non-state plan medical services. The State will be spending a portion of its waiver savings for additional services under the waiver.

b. **The State is including voluntary populations in the waiver.**

Describe below how the issue of selection bias has been addressed in the Actual Waiver Cost calculations:

c. **Capitated portion of the waiver only -- Reinsurance or Stop/Loss Coverage:** Please note how the State will be providing or requiring reinsurance or stop/loss coverage as required under the regulation. States may require MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs to purchase reinsurance. Similarly, States may provide stop-loss coverage to MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs when MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs exceed certain payment thresholds for individual enrollees.

Stop loss provisions usually set limits on maximum days of coverage or number of services for which the MCO/PIHP/PAHP will be responsible. If the State plans to provide stop/loss coverage, a description is required. The State must document the probability of incurring costs in excess of the stop/loss level and the frequency of such occurrence based on FFS experience. The expenses per capita (also known as the stoploss premium amount) should be deducted from the capitation year projected costs. In the initial application, the effect should be neutral. In the renewal report, the actual reinsurance cost and claims cost should be reported in Actual Waiver Cost.

**Basis and Method:**

1. **The State does not provide stop/loss protection for MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs, but requires MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs to purchase reinsurance coverage privately. No adjustment was necessary.**

2. **The State provides stop/loss protection**

Describe below how the issue of selection bias has been addressed in the Actual Waiver Cost calculations:

No specific stop/loss coverage is provided to MI Choice waiver agents for high cost members, however, the state does operate a risk pool to re-distribute capitation revenue for members above identified levels. Effective October 1, 2015, MDHHS began maintaining a cost-neutral risk pool for high cost claimants in the MI Choice program. The risk pool was introduced to address the high cost nature of certain members in the MI Choice population and the potential for the prevalence of these beneficiaries to vary between waiver agents. To the extent a waiver agent provides services to a member who qualifies for payment from the risk pool, the waiver agent receives additional reimbursement within the capitation rate structure. Waiver agents who do not have any members which qualify for payment do not receive additional payment. The risk pool adjustments are specific to higher needs members as these populations have shown the potential for larger variances in member costs. The development of the risk pool does not impact the capitation rate development process.

d. **Incentive/bonus/enhanced Payments for both Capitated and fee-for-service Programs:**

1. **[For the capitated portion of the waiver] the total payments under a capitated contract include any incentives the State provides in addition to capitated payments under the waiver program.**

   The costs associated with any bonus arrangements must be accounted for in the capitated costs (Column D of Appendix D3 Actual Waiver Cost). Regular State Plan service capitated adjustments would apply.

   **Document**

   i. Document the criteria for awarding the incentive payments.
   ii. Document the method for calculating incentives/bonuses, and
   iii. Document the monitoring the State will have in place to ensure that total payments to the MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs do not exceed the Waiver Cost Projection.

   i. MDHHS will be withholding a percentage of the capitation payments and will pay this out to PAHPs after the end of the year based on their CQAR/AQAR performance indicators. The criteria for the awards are communicated to the PAHPs each year. The costs related to the withhold payment represent 1 percent of the capitation payment amount.

   ii. For each contract year, performance bonus incentives are withheld from the capitation payments for the respective PAHPs. The amount withheld for each year of the waiver period is a percentage of the capitation payment. The incentive costs are calculated as a percentage of the capitated costs.
iii. The total payments will not exceed the Waiver Cost Projection because the incentives are included in the approved capitation payments. We have assumed the full bonus is paid under the waiver. If performance criteria are not met, incentive payments are not awarded. Conversely, the award cannot exceed the amount from each capitation payment.

The incentive payments have been broken out in the Appendix D spreadsheets for the purposes of determining cost effectiveness. The incentive payments reflect a 1% withhold that is applicable to the MI Choice waiver agent capitation payments. As the entirety of the capitation payments made to MI Choice waiver agents are 1915(c) waiver services, the incentive payments reflect 1% of the capitation rates, which equals the sum of the 1915(c) waiver service costs plus incentive cost columns in the Appendix D workbook.

2. For the fee-for-service portion of the waiver, all fee-for-service must be accounted for in the fee-for-service incentive costs (Column G of Appendix D3 Actual Waiver Cost). For PCCM providers, the amount listed should match information provided in D.I.D Reimbursement of Providers. Any adjustments applied would need to meet the special criteria for fee-for-service incentives if the State elects to provide incentive payments in addition to management fees under the waiver program (See D.I.I.e and D.I.J.e)

Document:
   i. Document the criteria for awarding the incentive payments.
   ii. Document the method for calculating incentives/bonuses, and
   iii. Document the monitoring the State will have in place to ensure that total payments to the MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs/PCCMs do not exceed the Waiver Cost Projection.

Appendix D3 – Actual Waiver Cost

Section D: Cost-Effectiveness

Part I: State Completion Section

I. Appendix D4 - Adjustments in the Projection OR Conversion Waiver for DOS within DOP (1 of 8)

This section is only applicable to Initial waivers

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I. Appendix D4 - Adjustments in the Projection OR Conversion Waiver for DOS within DOP (2 of 8)

This section is only applicable to Initial waivers

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I. Appendix D4 - Adjustments in the Projection OR Conversion Waiver for DOS within DOP (3 of 8)

This section is only applicable to Initial waivers

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I. Appendix D4 - Adjustments in the Projection OR Conversion Waiver for DOS within DOP (4 of 8)

This section is only applicable to Initial waivers

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I. Appendix D4 - Adjustments in the Projection OR Conversion Waiver for DOS within DOP (5 of 8)

This section is only applicable to Initial waivers

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I. Appendix D4 - Adjustments in the Projection OR Conversion Waiver for DOS within DOP (6 of 8)

This section is only applicable to Initial waivers

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I. Appendix D4 - Adjustments in the Projection OR Conversion Waiver for DOS within DOP (7 of 8)

This section is only applicable to Initial waivers

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I. Appendix D4 - Adjustments in the Projection OR Conversion Waiver for DOS within DOP (8 of 8)

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J. Appendix D4 - Conversion or Renewal Waiver Cost Projection and Adjustments. (1 of 5)

a. State Plan Services Trend Adjustment – the State must trend the data forward to reflect cost and utilization increases. The R1 and R2 (BY for conversion) data already include the actual Medicaid cost changes for the population enrolled in the program. This adjustment reflects the expected cost and utilization increases in the managed care program from R2 (BY for conversion) to the end of the waiver (P2). Trend adjustments may be service-specific and expressed as percentage factors. Some states calculate utilization and cost separately, while other states calculate a single trend rate. The State must document the method used and how utilization and cost increases are not duplicative if they are calculated separately. This adjustment must be mutually exclusive of programmatic/policy/pricing changes and CANNOT be taken twice. The State must document how it ensures there is no duplication with programmatic/policy/pricing changes.

1. [Required, if the State’s BY or R2 is more than 3 months prior to the beginning of P1] The State is using actual State cost increases to trend past data to the current time period (i.e., trending from 1999 to present).
The actual trend rate used is:

Please document how that trend was calculated:

2. [Required, to trend BY/R2 to P1 and P2 in the future] When cost increases are unknown and in the future, the State is using a predictive trend of either State historical cost increases or national or regional factors that are predictive of future costs (same requirement as capitated ratesetting regulations) (i.e., trending from present into the future).
   i. State historical cost increases.
      Please indicate the years on which the rates are based: base years. In addition, please indicate the mathematical method used (multiple regression, linear regression, chi-square, least squares, exponential smoothing, etc.). Finally, please note and explain if the State’s cost increase calculation includes more factors than a price increase such as changes in technology, practice patterns, and/or units of service PMPM.

      The State is using 1915(c) services instead of State Plan services due to this being a concurrent (b)/(c) waiver.

      SFY 2016-2018 actual capitation rate changes along with proposed changes for SFY 2019 were utilized for developing the cost increases from the base years to P1 through P5. The waiver agent encounter data, submitted waiver agent survey data, and historical capitation rates were the primary sources used by the actuary for determining trend assumptions for the prospective periods for this waiver request. The State considered historical year over year trends in developing trend estimates and also changes to the waiver program, consistent with the development of capitation rates. The actuary utilized a linear regression looking at historical experience on a rolling twelve-month basis. For the prospective time periods (P1 to P2, P2 to P3, P3 to P4 and P4 to P5), the State assumed an overall 4.0% annual trend. This trend rate considers multi-year projections as this constitutes a 5-year waiver renewal. No additional program changes were reflected in this projection and the cost increase calculation considers increases for future utilization and cost per service.

   ii. National or regional factors that are predictive of this waiver’s future costs.
      Please indicate the services and indicators used. In addition, please indicate how this factor was determined to be predictive of this waiver’s future costs. Finally, please note and explain if the State’s cost increase calculation includes more factors than a price increase such as changes in technology, practice patterns, and/or units of service PMPM.

3. The State estimated the PMPM cost changes in units of service, technology and/or practice patterns that would occur in the waiver separate from cost increase.
   Utilization adjustments made were service-specific and expressed as percentage factors. The State has documented how utilization and cost increases were not duplicated. This adjustment reflects the changes in utilization between R2 and P1 and between years P1 and P2.
   i. Please indicate the years on which the utilization rate was based (if calculated separately only).
   ii. Please document how the utilization did not duplicate separate cost increase trends.

Appendix D4 – Adjustments in Projection
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J. Appendix D4 - Conversion or Renewal Waiver Cost Projection and Adjustments. (2 of 5)

b. State Plan Services Programmatic/Policy/Pricing Change Adjustment: This adjustment should account for any programmatic changes that are not cost neutral and that affect the Waiver Cost Projection. For example, changes in rates, changes brought about by legal action, or changes brought about by legislation. For example, Federal mandates, changes in hospital payment from per diem rates to Diagnostic Related Group (DRG) rates or changes in the benefit coverage of the FFS program. This adjustment must be mutually exclusive of trend and CANNOT be taken twice. The State must document how it ensures there is no duplication with trend. If the State is changing one of the aspects noted above in the FFS State Plan then the State needs to estimate the impact of that adjustment. Note: FFP on rates cannot be claimed until CMS approves the SPA per the 1/2/01 SMD letter. Prior approval of capitation rates is contingent upon approval of the SPA. The R2 data was adjusted for changes that will occur after the R2 (BY for conversion) and during P1 and P2 that affect the overall Medicaid program.

Others:

- Additional State Plan Services (+)
- Reductions in State Plan Services (-)
- Legislative or Court Mandated Changes to the Program Structure or fee
- Graduate Medical Education (GME) Changes - This adjustment accounts for changes in any GME payments in the program. 42 CFR 438.6(c)(5) specifies that States can include or exclude GME payments from the capitation rates. However, GME payments must be included in cost-effectiveness calculations.
- Copayment Changes - This adjustment accounts for changes from R2 to P1 in any copayments that are collected under the FFS program, but not collected in the MCO/PIHP/PAHP capitated program. States must ensure that these copayments are included in the Waiver Cost Projection if not to be collected in the capitated program. If the State is changing the copayments in the FFS program then the State needs to estimate the impact of that adjustment.

1. [ ] The State has chosen not to make an adjustment because there were no programmatic or policy changes in the FFS program after the MMIS claims tape was created. In addition, the State anticipates no programmatic or policy changes during the waiver period.

2. [x] An adjustment was necessary. The adjustment(s) is(are) listed and described below:
   i. [ ] The State projects an externally driven State Medicaid managed care rate increases/decreases between the base and rate periods.
   Please list the changes.

For the list of changes above, please report the following:

A. [ ] The size of the adjustment was based upon a newly approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).
   PMPM size of adjustment

B. [ ] The size of the adjustment was based on pending SPA.
   Approximate PMPM size of adjustment

C. [ ] Determine adjustment based on currently approved SPA.
   PMPM size of adjustment

D. [ ] Determine adjustment for Medicare Part D dual eligibles.

E. [ ] Other:
   Please describe
ii.  ☐ The State has projected no externally driven managed care rate increases/decreases in the managed care rates.

iii. ☐ Changes brought about by legal action:
    Please list the changes.

For the list of changes above, please report the following:

A. ☐ The size of the adjustment was based upon a newly approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).
   PMPM size of adjustment

B. ☐ The size of the adjustment was based on pending SPA.
   Approximate PMPM size of adjustment

C. ☐ Determine adjustment based on currently approved SPA.
   PMPM size of adjustment

D. ☐ Other
   Please describe

    Please list the changes.

For the list of changes above, please report the following:

A. ☐ The size of the adjustment was based upon a newly approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).
   PMPM size of adjustment

B. ☐ The size of the adjustment was based on pending SPA.
   Approximate PMPM size of adjustment

C. ☐ Determine adjustment based on currently approved SPA.
   PMPM size of adjustment

D. ☐ Other
   Please describe

v.  ☑ Other

Please describe:
The State is using 1915(c) services instead of State Plan services due to this being a concurrent (b)/(c) waiver.

A. ☐ The size of the adjustment was based upon a newly approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).
   PMPM size of adjustment
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J. Appendix D4 - Conversion or Renewal Waiver Cost Projection and Adjustments. (3 of 5)

c. Administrative Cost Adjustment: This adjustment accounts for changes in the managed care program. The administrative expense factor in the renewal is based on the administrative costs for the eligible population participating in the waiver for managed care. Examples of these costs include per claim claims processing costs, additional per record PRO review costs, and additional Surveillance and Utilization Review System (SURS) costs; as well as actuarial contracts, consulting, encounter data processing, independent assessments, EQRO reviews, etc. Note: one-time administration costs should not be built into the cost-effectiveness test on a long-term basis. States should use all relevant Medicaid administration claiming rules for administration costs they attribute to the managed care program. If the State is changing the administration in the fee-for-service program then the State needs to estimate the impact of that adjustment.

1. ☑ No adjustment was necessary and no change is anticipated.
2. ☐ An administrative adjustment was made.
   i. ☐ Administrative functions will change in the period between the beginning of P1 and the end of P2.
      Please describe:
   
   ii. ☐ Cost increases were accounted for.
      A. ☐ Determine administration adjustment based upon an approved contract or cost allocation plan amendment (CAP).
      B. ☐ Determine administration adjustment based on pending contract or cost allocation plan amendment (CAP).
      C. ☐ State Historical State Administrative Inflation. The actual trend rate used is PMPM size of adjustment
      Please describe:
   
      D. ☐ Other
      Please describe:
   
   iii. ☐ [Required, when State Plan services were purchased through a sole source procurement with a governmental entity. No other State administrative adjustment is allowed.] If cost increase trends are unknown and in the future, the State must use the lower of: Actual State
administration costs trended forward at the State historical administration trend rate or Actual State administration costs trended forward at the State Plan services trend rate. Please document both trend rates and indicate which trend rate was used.

A. Actual State Administration costs trended forward at the State historical administration trend rate.

Please indicate the years on which the rates are based: base years

In addition, please indicate the mathematical method used (multiple regression, linear regression, chi-square, least squares, exponential smoothing, etc.). Finally, please note and explain if the State’s cost increase calculation includes more factors than a price increase.

B. Actual State Administration costs trended forward at the State Plan Service Trend rate. Please indicate the State Plan Service trend rate from Section D.I.J.a. above

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J. Appendix D4 - Conversion or Renewal Waiver Cost Projection and Adjustments. (4 of 5)

d. 1915(b)(3) Adjustment: The State must document the amount of State Plan Savings that will be used to provide additional 1915(b)(3) services in Section D.I.H.a above. The Base Year already includes the actual trend for the State Plan services in the program. This adjustment reflects the expected trend in the 1915(b)(3) services between the Base Year and P1 of the waiver and the trend between the beginning of the program (P1) and the end of the program (P2). Trend adjustments may be service-specific and expressed as percentage factors.

1. [Required, if the State’s BY is more than 3 months prior to the beginning of P1 to trend BY to P1]
   The State is using the actual State historical trend to project past data to the current time period (i.e., trending from 1999 to present).
   The actual documented trend is:

   Please provide documentation.

2. [Required, when the State’s BY is trended to P2. No other 1915(b)(3) adjustment is allowed] If trends are unknown and in the future (i.e., trending from present into the future), the State must use the lower of State historical 1915(b)(3) trend or State’s trend for State Plan Services. Please document both trend rates and indicate which trend rate was used.

   A. State historical 1915(b)(3) trend rates

      1. Please indicate the years on which the rates are based: base years

      2. Please provide documentation.

   B. State Plan Service trend
Please indicate the State Plan Service trend rate from Section D.I.I.a. above

e. **Incentives (not in capitated payment) Trend Adjustment:** If the State marked Section D.I.H.d, then this adjustment reports trend for that factor. Trend is limited to the rate for State Plan services.

1. List the State Plan trend rate by MEG from Section D.I.I.a

2. List the Incentive trend rate by MEG if different from Section D.I.I.a

3. Explain any differences:
   A 4 percent increase was applied to incentive costs and the incentive costs represent the 1 percent withhold from capitation rates.

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p. **Other adjustments** including but not limited to federal government changes.

- If the federal government changes policy affecting Medicaid reimbursement, the State must adjust P1 and P2 to reflect all changes.
- Once the State’s FFS institutional excess UPL is phased out, CMS will no longer match excess institutional UPL payments.
  - Excess payments addressed through transition periods should not be included in the 1915(b) cost effectiveness process. Any State with excess payments should exclude the excess amount and only include the supplemental amount under 100% of the institutional UPL in the cost effectiveness process.
  - For all other payments made under the UPL, including supplemental payments, the costs should be included in the cost effectiveness calculations. This would apply to PCCM enrollees and to PAHP, PIHP or MCO enrollees if the institutional services were provided as FFS wrap around. The recipient of the supplemental payment does not matter for the purposes of this analysis.

**Pharmacy Rebate Factor Adjustment (Conversion Waivers Only)** *

- Rebates that States receive from drug manufacturers should be deducted from Base Year costs if pharmacy services are included in the capitated base. If the base year costs are not reduced by the rebate factor, an inflated BY would result. Pharmacy rebates should also be deducted from FFS costs if pharmacy services are impacted by the waiver but not capitated.

**Basis and Method:**

1. **☐** Determine the percentage of Medicaid pharmacy costs that the rebates represent and adjust the base year costs by this percentage. States may want to make separate adjustments for prescription versus over the counter drugs and for different rebate percentages by population. States may assume that the rebates for the targeted population occur in the same proportion as the rebates for the total Medicaid population which includes accounting for Part D dual eligibles.
   Please account for this adjustment in Appendix D5.

2. **☑** The State has not made this adjustment because pharmacy is not an included capitation service and the capitated contractor’s providers do not prescribe drugs that are paid for by the State in FFS or Part D for the dual eligibles.

3. **☐** Other

*Please describe:
1. No adjustment was made.
2. This adjustment was made. This adjustment must be mathematically accounted for in Appendix D5. Please describe
The 4% trend/inflation increases applied for P1-P5 took into consideration historical MI Choice capitation rate changes for SFY 2016 though SFY 2018 and proposed changes for SFY 2019. Changes have ranged from a 2.0% decrease to 6.1% increase during this time. We have considered a reasonable growth rate in unit cost and utilization for the services covered under the MI Choice waiver program.

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K. Appendix D5 – Waiver Cost Projection

The State should complete these appendices and include explanations of all adjustments in Section D.I.I and D.I.J above.

Using R2 as the historical basis, as established by the Appendix D workbook template, P1 costs were projected by applying a 4 percent increase to the 1915(c) waiver costs, which represents the adjustment for the capitation payments for SFY 2019. As the SFY 2019 capitation rates are not yet certified, a 4 percent adjustment has been utilized from the current year based on historical changes in the capitation rates over the past two fiscal years. The incentive cost increase is consistent with the 1915(c) waiver cost increase as the incentive costs represent the 1 percent withhold from the capitation rates. The 4 percent adjustment is held constant for P2-P5. Additionally, a trend of 3 percent is being applied to the state's administrative costs based on a review of Consumer Price Index (CPI) values.

Appendix D5 – Waiver Cost Projection

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L. Appendix D6 – RO Targets

The State should complete these appendices and include explanations of all trends in enrollment in Section D.I.E. above.

Appropriate changes made on the D5. Waiver Cost Projection section flowed through to this section. Please note a column for 1915(c) waiver services has been included for purposes of this waiver submission.

Appendix D6 – RO Targets

Section D: Cost-Effectiveness

Part I: State Completion Section

M. Appendix D7 - Summary

a. Please explain any variance in the overall percentage change in spending from BY/R1 to P2.

Appropriate changes made on the D5. Waiver Cost Projection section flowed through to this section. Please note a column for 1915(c) waiver services has been included for purposes of this waiver submission.

1. Please explain caseload changes contributing to the overall annualized rate of change in Appendix D7 Column I. This response should be consistent with or the same as the answer given by the State in Section D.I.E.c & d:

2. Please explain unit cost changes contributing to the overall annualized rate of change in Appendix D7 Column I. This response should be consistent with or the same as the answer given by the State in the State’s explanation of cost increase given in Section D.I.I and D.I.J:
3. Please explain utilization changes contributing to the overall annualized rate of change in Appendix D7 Column I. This response should be consistent with or the same as the answer given by the State in the State’s explanation of utilization given in Section D.I.I and D.I.J:

b. Please note any other principal factors contributing to the overall annualized rate of change in Appendix D7 Column I.

Appendix D7 - Summary
November 13, 2018

Kathy Stiffler  
Acting State Medicaid Director  
Medical Services Administration  
Michigan Department of Health & Human Services  
400 South Pine Street  
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Ms. Stiffler:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approves the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services’ (MDHHS) request to renew the MI Choice home and community-based services waiver authorized under sections 1915(b) and 1915(c) of the Social Security Act (the Act). The waiver renewals are assigned control numbers MI-18.R01 and MI.0233.R05, respectively, which the state should use in all future correspondence. The renewed waivers will continue to serve elderly individuals ages 65 and older, as well as disabled individuals ages 18 and older, who meet a nursing facility level of care.

The renewed §1915(b) waiver, authorized under sections 1915(b)(1) and 1915(b)(4) of the Act, allows for the mandatory enrollment of all §1915(c) MI Choice enrollees into twenty prepaid ambulatory health plans for the provision of services approved under the §1915(c) waiver. The managed care program provides for waivers of the following sections of Title XIX:

- Section 1902(a)(23) Freedom of Choice
- Section 1902(a)(10)(B) Comparability of Services
- Section 1902(a)(4) Choice of PAHP

The renewed §1915(c) waiver makes the following changes from the previous waiver application:

- Combines Non-Emergency Medical Transportation and Non-Medical Transportation into one service called Community Transportation
- Changes the InterRAI Home Care assessment frequency to 90 days after the initial assessment and then annually thereafter, and requires person-centered planning meetings in lieu of the 180-day assessment that had been required in the past
- Adds nursing facilities as providers of the out-of-home Respite service in an effort to expand setting possibilities for individuals whose needs cannot be met in other settings
- Revises and adds performance measures in the Quality Improvement Strategy
Ms. Stiffler

- Adds the Community Health Worker service in order to utilize unlicensed supports brokers to assure participants’ needs are met
- Adds respiratory care to the Private Duty Nursing service to serve those participants who are ventilator-dependent
- Changes language pertaining to appeals to comply with federal managed care requirements
- Increases the percentage of providers that must undergo annual provider monitoring

The §1915(c) waiver allows for the provision of waiver services to no more than the number of unduplicated recipients approved in the waiver application and indicated in the chart below. The chart also illustrates the approved estimates of average per capita cost of waiver services per year. If the state wishes to serve more individuals, or make any other alterations to these waivers, an amendment(s) must be submitted to CMS for review and approval.

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Our decision to approve these waivers is based on the evidence MDHHS submitted to CMS demonstrating that the state’s MI Choice waivers are consistent with the purposes of the Medicaid program, will meet all of the statutory and regulatory requirements for assuring beneficiaries’ access to and quality of services, and will be a cost-effective means of providing services to this population. It is also important to note that CMS’ approval of these waiver renewals solely addresses the state’s compliance with the applicable Medicaid authorities. CMS’ approval does not address the state’s independent and separate obligations under federal laws including, but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, or the Supreme Court’s Olmstead decision. Guidance from the Department of Justice concerning compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Olmstead decision is available at http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/q&a_olmstead.htm.
Ms. Stiffler

These waivers are effective for the five year period beginning October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2023 and operate concurrently. The state may request renewal of these authorities by providing evidence and documentation of satisfactory performance and oversight. The MDHHS should submit the renewal applications for these waivers to CMS no later than July 1, 2023.

We appreciate the cooperation and effort provided by you and your staff during the renewal of these waiver programs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Eowyn Ford at 312-886-1684 or eowyn.ford@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Ruth A. Hughes  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children’s Health Operations

cc: Jacqueline Coleman, MDHHS
Application for a §1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

PURPOSE OF THE HCBS WAIVER PROGRAM

The Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver program is authorized in §1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The program permits a State to furnish an array of home and community-based services that assist Medicaid beneficiaries to live in the community and avoid institutionalization. The State has broad discretion to design its waiver program to address the needs of the waiver’s target population. Waiver services complement and/or supplement the services that are available to participants through the Medicaid State plan and other federal, state and local public programs as well as the supports that families and communities provide.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recognizes that the design and operational features of a waiver program will vary depending on the specific needs of the target population, the resources available to the State, service delivery system structure, State goals and objectives, and other factors. A State has the latitude to design a waiver program that is cost-effective and employs a variety of service delivery approaches, including participant direction of services.

Request for a Renewal to a §1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

1. Major Changes

Describe any significant changes to the approved waiver that are being made in this renewal application:

The major changes being made for this waiver renewal are as follows:

1) Combining the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation and Non-Medical Transportation services into one transportation service called Community Transportation.

2) Changing the InterRAI Home Care assessment frequency to 90-days after the initial assessment and then annually thereafter. Also, having person-centered planning meetings in lieu of the 180-day assessment that has been required in the past.

3) Addition of nursing facilities as providers of the out-of-home Respite in an effort to expand setting possibilities for this service for individuals whose needs cannot be met in other settings.

4) Revision and addition of some performance measures for the Quality Improvement Strategy.

5) Reiterating that communication is an important function of the Supports Coordination service, and frequency of the communication between the Supports Coordinator and participant (or legal representative) must be identified in the person-centered service plan.

6) Addition of a service called Community Health Worker to utilize unlicensed supports brokers to assure participants’ needs are met and community resources are located and arranged if needed. This service provider may have more contact with the participant than the Supports Coordinator.

7) Addition of Respiratory Care to the Private Duty Nursing service to serve those participants who are ventilator dependent. The service will now be titled Private Duty Nursing/Respiratory Care, and Respiratory Therapists will be permitted as service providers.

8) Changed language pertaining to appeals to be compliant with the requirements of the Managed Care Rule.

9) Changed the percentage of providers that must undergo provider monitoring on an annual basis. This percentage used to be 10%, but MDHHS increased it to 20%.

Application for a §1915(e) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver

1. Request Information (1 of 3)

A. The State of Michigan requests approval for a Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver under the authority of §1915(c) of the Social Security Act (the Act).

B. Program Title (optional - this title will be used to locate this waiver in the finder):

   MI Choice Renewal

C. Type of Request: renewal

   Requested Approval Period: (For new waivers requesting five year approval periods, the waiver must serve individuals who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare.)

   ○ 3 years  ☑ 5 years
Original Base Waiver Number: MI.0233
Waiver Number: MI.0233.R05.00
Draft ID: MI.003.05.00

D. Type of Waiver (select only one):
- Regular Waiver

E. Proposed Effective Date: (mm/dd/yy)
- 10/01/18

Approved Effective Date: 11/13/18

1. Request Information (2 of 3)

F. Level(s) of Care. This waiver is requested in order to provide home and community-based waiver services to individuals who, but for the provision of such services, would require the following level(s) of care, the costs of which would be reimbursed under the approved Medicaid State plan (check each that applies):

- Hospital
  - Select applicable level of care
    - Hospital as defined in 42 CFR §440.10
      - If applicable, specify whether the State additionally limits the waiver to subcategories of the hospital level of care:

- Inpatient psychiatric facility for individuals age 21 and under as provided in 42 CFR §440.160

- Nursing Facility
  - Select applicable level of care
    - Nursing Facility as defined in 42 CFR §440.40 and 42 CFR §440.155
      - If applicable, specify whether the State additionally limits the waiver to subcategories of the nursing facility level of care:

- Institution for Mental Disease for persons with mental illnesses aged 65 and older as provided in 42 CFR §440.140

- Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) (as defined in 42 CFR §440.150)
  - If applicable, specify whether the State additionally limits the waiver to subcategories of the ICF/IID level of care:

1. Request Information (3 of 3)

G. Concurrent Operation with Other Programs. This waiver operates concurrently with another program (or programs) approved under the following authorities

- Not applicable
- Applicable
  - Check the applicable authority or authorities:
    - Services furnished under the provisions of §1915(a)(1)(a) of the Act and described in Appendix I
    - Waiver(s) authorized under §1915(b) of the Act.
      - Specify the §1915(b) waiver program and indicate whether a §1915(b) waiver application has been submitted or previously approved:
        - A 1915(b) waiver application will be submitted concurrently with this 1915(c) waiver renewal application. The Control Number for the 1915(b) waiver is MI.0018.R01.00
        - Specify the §1915(b) authorities under which this program operates (check each that applies):
          - §1915(b)(1) (mandated enrollment to managed care)
          - §1915(b)(2) (central broker)
          - §1915(b)(3) (employ cost savings to furnish additional services)
          - §1915(b)(4) (selective contracting/limit number of providers)
    - A program operated under §1932(a) of the Act.
      - Specify the nature of the State Plan benefit and indicate whether the State Plan Amendment has been submitted or previously approved:

    - A program authorized under §1915(i) of the Act.
    - A program authorized under §1915(j) of the Act.
    - A program authorized under §1115 of the Act.
H. Dual Eligibility for Medicaid and Medicare.
Check if applicable:
☒ This waiver provides services for individuals who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.

2. Brief Waiver Description

Brief Waiver Description. In one page or less, briefly describe the purpose of the waiver, including its goals, objectives, organizational structure (e.g., the roles of state, local and other entities), and service delivery methods.

MI Choice is a § 1915(c) waiver used to deliver home and community-based services to elderly and disabled individuals meeting Michigan’s nursing facility level of care who, but for the provision of such services, would require nursing facility services. The goal is to provide home and community-based services and supports to participants using a person-centered planning process that allows them to maintain or improve their health, welfare, and quality of life. The waiver is administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Medical Services Administration (MSA), which is the Single State Medicaid Agency. MDHHS exercises administrative discretion in the administration and supervision of the waiver, as well as all related policies, rules, and regulations.

MI Choice is a Medicaid managed care program. MI Choice participants receive services from entities classified as Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plans (PAHPs), herein referred to as waiver agencies. MDHHS contracts with waiver agencies to carry out its waiver obligations. Each waiver agency must sign a provider agreement with MDHHS assuring that it meets all program requirements.

Waiver agencies may use written contracts meeting the requirements of 42 CFR 434.6 to deliver other services. Entities or individuals under subcontract with the waiver agency must meet provider standards described elsewhere in the waiver application. Subcontracts also assure that providers of services receive full reimbursement for services outlined in the waiver application. Providers meeting the requirements outlined in the waiver are permitted to participate.

MI Choice operates concurrently with the §1915(b)(1)/(b)(4) waiver, Control Number MI.0018.R01.00. Participants enrolled in MI Choice may not be enrolled simultaneously in another of Michigan’s §1915(c) waivers.

3. Components of the Waiver Request

The waiver application consists of the following components. Note: Item 3-E must be completed.

A. Waiver Administration and Operation. Appendix A specifies the administrative and operational structure of this waiver.

B. Participant Access and Eligibility. Appendix B specifies the target group(s) of individuals who are served in this waiver, the number of participants that the State expects to serve during each year that the waiver is in effect, applicable Medicaid eligibility and post-eligibility (if applicable) requirements, and procedures for the evaluation and reevaluation of level of care.

C. Participant Services. Appendix C specifies the home and community-based waiver services that are furnished through the waiver, including applicable limitations on such services.

D. Participant-Centered Service Planning and Delivery. Appendix D specifies the procedures and methods that the State uses to develop, implement and monitor the participant-centered service plan (of care).

E. Participant-Direction of Services. When the State provides for participant direction of services, Appendix E specifies the participant direction opportunities that are offered in the waiver and the supports that are available to participants who direct their services. (Select one):

☒ Yes. This waiver provides participant direction opportunities. Appendix E is required.
☐ No. This waiver does not provide participant direction opportunities. Appendix E is not required.

F. Participant Rights. Appendix F specifies how the State informs participants of their Medicaid Fair Hearing rights and other procedures to address participant grievances and complaints.

G. Participant Safeguards. Appendix G describes the safeguards that the State has established to assure the health and welfare of waiver participants in specified areas.

H. Quality Improvement Strategy. Appendix H contains the Quality Improvement Strategy for this waiver.

I. Financial Accountability. Appendix I describes the methods by which the State makes payments for waiver services, ensures the integrity of these payments, and complies with applicable federal requirements concerning payments and federal financial participation.

J. Cost-Neutrality Demonstration. Appendix J contains the State's demonstration that the waiver is cost-neutral.
4. Waiver(s) Requested

A. Comparability. The State requests a waiver of the requirements contained in §1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act in order to provide the services specified in Appendix C that are not otherwise available under the approved Medicaid State plan to individuals who: (a) require the level(s) of care specified in Item 1.F and (b) meet the target group criteria specified in Appendix B.

B. Income and Resources for the Medically Needy. Indicate whether the State requests a waiver of §1902(a)(10)(C)(i)(III) of the Act in order to use institutional income and resource rules for the medically needy (select one):

- Not Applicable
- No
- Yes

C. Statewideness. Indicate whether the State requests a waiver of the statewideness requirements in §1902(a)(1) of the Act (select one):

- No
- Yes

If yes, specify the waiver of statewideness that is requested (check each that applies):

- Geographic Limitation. A waiver of statewideness is requested in order to furnish services under this waiver only to individuals who reside in the following geographic areas or political subdivisions of the State. Specify the areas to which this waiver applies and, as applicable, the phase-in schedule of the waiver by geographic area:

- Limited Implementation of Participant-Direction. A waiver of statewideness is requested in order to make participant-direction of services as specified in Appendix E available only to individuals who reside in the following geographic areas or political subdivisions of the State. Participants who reside in these areas may elect to direct their services as provided by the State or receive comparable services through the service delivery methods that are in effect elsewhere in the State. Specify the areas of the State affected by this waiver and, as applicable, the phase-in schedule of the waiver by geographic area:

5. Assurances

In accordance with 42 CFR §441.302, the State provides the following assurances to CMS:

A. Health & Welfare: The State assures that necessary safeguards have been taken to protect the health and welfare of persons receiving services under this waiver. These safeguards include:

1. As specified in Appendix C, adequate standards for all types of providers that provide services under this waiver;

2. Assurance that the standards of any State licensure or certification requirements specified in Appendix C are met for services or for individuals furnishing services that are provided under the waiver. The State assures that these requirements are met on the date that the services are furnished; and,

3. Assurance that all facilities subject to §1616(e) of the Act where home and community-based waiver services are provided comply with the applicable State standards for board and care facilities as specified in Appendix C.

B. Financial Accountability. The State assures financial accountability for funds expended for home and community-based services and maintains and makes available to the Department of Health and Human Services (including the Office of the Inspector General), the Comptroller General, or other designees, appropriate financial records documenting the cost of services provided under the waiver. Methods of financial accountability are specified in Appendix I.

C. Evaluation of Need: The State assures that it provides for an initial evaluation (and periodic reevaluations, at least annually) of the need for a level of care specified for this waiver, when there is a reasonable indication that an individual might need such services in the near future (one month or less) but for the receipt of home and community-based services under this waiver. The procedures for evaluation and reevaluation of level of care are specified in Appendix B.

D. Choice of Alternatives: The State assures that when an individual is determined to be likely to require the level of care specified for this waiver and is in a target group specified in Appendix B, the individual (or, legal representative, if applicable) is:

1. Informed of any feasible alternatives under the waiver; and,

2. Given the choice of either institutional or home and community-based waiver services. Appendix B specifies the procedures that the State employs to ensure that individuals are informed of feasible alternatives under the waiver and given the choice of institutional or home and community-based waiver services.
E. **Average Per Capita Expenditures:** The State assures that, for any year that the waiver is in effect, the average per capita expenditures under the waiver will not exceed 100 percent of the average per capita expenditures that would have been made under the Medicaid State plan for the level(s) of care specified for this waiver had the waiver not been granted. Cost-neutrality is demonstrated in **Appendix J.**

F. **Actual Total Expenditures:** The State assures that the actual total expenditures for home and community-based waiver and other Medicaid services and its claim for FFP in expenditures for the services provided to individuals under the waiver will not, in any year of the waiver period, exceed 100 percent of the amount that would be incurred in the absence of the waiver by the State's Medicaid program for these individuals in the institutional setting(s) specified for this waiver.

G. **Institutionalization Absent Waiver:** The State assures that, absent the waiver, individuals served in the waiver would receive the appropriate type of Medicaid-funded institutional care for the level of care specified for this waiver.

H. **Reporting:** The State assures that annually it will provide CMS with information concerning the impact of the waiver on the type, amount and cost of services provided under the Medicaid State plan and on the health and welfare of waiver participants. This information will be consistent with a data collection plan designed by CMS.

I. **Habilitation Services.** The State assures that prevocational, educational, or supported employment services, or a combination of these services, if provided as habilitation services under the waiver are: (1) not otherwise available to the individual through a local educational agency under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and, (2) furnished as part of expanded habilitation services.

J. **Services for Individuals with Chronic Mental Illness.** The State assures that federal financial participation (FFP) will not be claimed in expenditures for waiver services including, but not limited to, day treatment or partial hospitalization, psychosocial rehabilitation services, and clinic services provided as home and community-based services to individuals with chronic mental illnesses if these individuals, in the absence of a waiver, would be placed in an IMD and are: (1) age 22 to 64; (2) age 65 and older and the State has not included the optional Medicaid benefit cited in 42 CFR §440.140; or (3) age 21 and under and the State has not included the optional Medicaid benefit cited in 42 CFR § 440.160.

6. **Additional Requirements**

**Note:** Item 6-I must be completed.

A. **Service Plan.** In accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(1)(i), a participant-centered service plan (of care) is developed for each participant employing the procedures specified in **Appendix D.** All waiver services are furnished pursuant to the service plan. The service plan describes: (a) the waiver services that are furnished to the participant, their projected frequency and the type of provider that furnishes each service and (b) the other services (regardless of funding source, including State plan services) and informal supports that complement waiver services in meeting the needs of the participant. The service plan is subject to the approval of the Medicaid agency. Federal financial participation (FFP) is not claimed for waiver services furnished prior to the development of the service plan or for services that are not included in the service plan.

B. **Inpatients.** In accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(1)(ii), waiver services are not furnished to individuals who are in-patients of a hospital, nursing facility or ICF/IID.

C. **Room and Board.** In accordance with 42 CFR §441.310(a)(2), FFP is not claimed for the cost of room and board except when: (a) provided as part of respite services in a facility approved by the State that is not a private residence or (b) claimed as a portion of the rent and food that may be reasonably attributed to an unrelated caregiver who resides in the same household as the participant, as provided in **Appendix I.**

D. **Access to Services.** The State does not limit or restrict participant access to waiver services except as provided in **Appendix C.**

E. **Free Choice of Provider.** In accordance with 42 CFR §431.151, a participant may select any willing and qualified provider to furnish waiver services included in the service plan unless the State has received approval to limit the number of providers under the provisions of §1915(b) or another provision of the Act.

F. **FFP Limitation.** In accordance with 42 CFR §433 Subpart D, FFP is not claimed for services when another third-party (e.g., another third party health insurer or other federal or state program) is legally liable and responsible for the provision and payment of the service. FFP also may not be claimed for services that are available without charge, or as free care to the community, Services will not be considered to be without charge, or free care, when (1) the provider establishes a fee schedule for each service available and (2) collects insurance information from all those served (Medicaid, and non-Medicaid), and bills other legally liable third party insurers. Alternatively, if a provider certifies that a particular legally liable third party insurer does not pay for the service(s), the provider may not generate further bills for that insurer for that annual period.

G. **Fair Hearing:** The State provides the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing under 42 CFR §431 Subpart E, to individuals: (a) who are not given the choice of home and community-based waiver services as an alternative to institutional level of care specified for this waiver; (b) who are denied the service(s) of their choice or the provider(s) of their choice; or (c) whose services are denied, suspended, reduced or terminated. **Appendix F** specifies the State's procedures to provide individuals the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing, including providing notice of action as required in 42 CFR §431.210.
H. **Quality Improvement.** The State operates a formal, comprehensive system to ensure that the waiver meets the assurances and other requirements contained in this application. Through an ongoing process of discovery, remediation and improvement, the State assures the health and welfare of participants by monitoring: (a) level of care determinations; (b) individual plans and services delivery; (c) provider qualifications; (d) participant health and welfare; (e) financial oversight and (f) administrative oversight of the waiver. The State further assures that all problems identified through its discovery processes are addressed in an appropriate and timely manner, consistent with the severity and nature of the problem. During the period that the waiver is in effect, the State will implement the Quality Improvement Strategy specified in **Appendix H.**

I. **Public Input.** Describe how the State secures public input into the development of the waiver:

MDHHS initiated the public input process by issuing official communication on September 14, 2017, formally inviting all stakeholders to participate in any of nine scheduled stakeholder meetings from September 2017 through January 2018 to solicit ideas and commentary on issues related to the waiver renewal. The meetings were open to all interested stakeholders. Key stakeholders that were identified to participate included, though not an exhaustive list:

- MI Choice Waiver Participants
- MI Choice Waiver Agency Staff
- The Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan
- Disability Network/Michigan (Michigan’s Centers for Independent Living)
- The Olmstead Coalition (representing consumers of long term care services in Michigan)
- The Michigan Assisted Living Association
- Aging Services of Michigan
- Various provider associations in Michigan
- Representatives from Michigan's twelve federally recognized Tribes

Following the meetings, minutes of the discussions and materials from the meetings were posted on a website accessible to interested parties. A MI Choice e-mail address was utilized for stakeholders to submit comments and questions.

MDHHS sent a Tribal notice of intent on April 1, 2018 and a notice of intent to all stakeholders on May 1, 2018, to provide an opportunity to review the waiver applications and submit comments. This also included non-electronic communication via several newspapers statewide. The §1915(c) and 1915(b)(1)/(b)(4) waiver applications were posted on the MDHHS website.

The public notice/comment period was May 1, 2018-June 1, 2018. A letter was sent electronically to stakeholders on May 1st to notify them of the review and comment opportunity and how to submit comments or receive information.

Non-electronic public notice:
Public notice was released via several of the major newspapers statewide for May 1-June 1. The newspaper notice included the website where the applications were posted as well as the email address and mailing address where comments and requests could be submitted.

The website where the waiver applications were posted for review and comment is:

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_2945_42542_42543_42549_42592-151693--,00.html

J. **Notice to Tribal Governments.** The State assures that it has notified in writing all federally-recognized Tribal Governments that maintain a primary office and/or majority population within the State of the State's intent to submit a Medicaid waiver request or renewal request to CMS at least 60 days before the anticipated submission date is provided by Presidential Executive Order 13175 of November 6, 2000. Evidence of the applicable notice is available through the Medicaid Agency.

K. **Limited English Proficient Persons.** The State assures that it provides meaningful access to waiver services by Limited English Proficient persons in accordance with: (a) Presidential Executive Order 13166 of August 11, 2000 (65 FR 50121) and (b) Department of Health and Human Services "Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons" (68 FR 47311 - August 8, 2003). **Appendix B** describes how the State assures meaningful access to waiver services by Limited English Proficient persons.

7. **Contact Person(s)**

A. The Medicaid agency representative with whom CMS should communicate regarding the waiver is:

**Last Name:** Coleman

**First Name:** Jacqueline

**Title:** Waiver Specialist

**Agency:**
B. If applicable, the State operating agency representative with whom CMS should communicate regarding the waiver is:

Last Name: 
First Name: 
Title: 
Agency: 
Address: 
Address 2: 
City: 
State: Michigan 
Zip: 
Phone: 
Ext: TTY
Fax: 
E-mail: 

8. Authorizing Signature

This document, together with Appendices A through J, constitutes the State's request for a waiver under §1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The State assures that all materials referenced in this waiver application (including standards, licensure and certification requirements) are
readily available in print or electronic form upon request to CMS through the Medicaid agency or, if applicable, from the operating agency specified in Appendix A. Any proposed changes to the waiver will be submitted by the Medicaid agency to CMS in the form of waiver amendments.

Upon approval by CMS, the waiver application serves as the State's authority to provide home and community-based waiver services to the specified target groups. The State attests that it will abide by all provisions of the approved waiver and will continuously operate the waiver in accordance with the assurances specified in Section 5 and the additional requirements specified in Section 6 of the request.

| Signature: | Kathleen Stiffler |
| State Medicaid Director or Designee |
| Submission Date: | Nov 7, 2018 |

Note: The Signature and Submission Date fields will be automatically completed when the State Medicaid Director submits the application.

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Attachments

Attachment #1: Transition Plan
Check the box next to any of the following changes from the current approved waiver. Check all boxes that apply.

- Replacing an approved waiver with this waiver.
- Combining waivers.
- Splitting one waiver into two waivers.
- Eliminating a service.
- Adding or decreasing an individual cost limit pertaining to eligibility.
- Adding or decreasing limits to a service or a set of services, as specified in Appendix C.
- Reducing the unduplicated count of participants (Factor C).
- Adding new, or decreasing, a limitation on the number of participants served at any point in time.
- Making any changes that could result in some participants losing eligibility or being transferred to another waiver under 1915 (c) or another Medicaid authority.
- Making any changes that could result in reduced services to participants.
Specify the transition plan for the waiver:

The state intends to continue providing transition services to those receiving them. We plan to continue allowing current providers to furnish transition services which will not significantly change how services are delivered to participants. The biggest change will be how services are billed, which should not affect the participants. Participants would continue to have the right to a State Fair Hearing.

**Attachment #2: Home and Community-Based Settings Waiver Transition Plan**

Specify the state's process to bring this waiver into compliance with federal home and community-based (HCB) settings requirements at 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)-(5), and associated CMS guidance. Consult with CMS for instructions before completing this item. This field describes the status of a transition process at the point in time of submission. Relevant information in the planning phase will differ from information required to describe attainment of milestones. To the extent that the state has submitted a statewide HCB settings transition plan to CMS, the description in this field may reference that statewide plan. The narrative in this field must include enough information to demonstrate that this waiver complies with federal HCB settings requirements, including the compliance and transition requirements at 42 CFR 441.301(c)(6), and that this submission is consistent with the portions of the statewide HCB settings transition plan that are germane to this waiver. Quote or summarize germane portions of the statewide HCB settings transition plan as required.

Note that Appendix C-5 HCB Settings describes settings that do not require transition; the settings listed there meet federal HCB setting requirements as of the date of submission. Do not duplicate that information here.

Update this field and Appendix C-5 when submitting a renewal or amendment to this waiver for other purposes. It is not necessary for the state to amend the waiver solely for the purpose of updating this field and Appendix C-5. At the end of the state's HCB settings transition process for this waiver, when all waiver settings meet federal HCB setting requirements, enter “Completed” in this field, and include in Section C-5 the information on all HCB settings in the waiver.

As of 07/01/2018, there have been 777 total residential settings assessed and submitted to MDHHS. MDHHS completed reviews of all 777 of these settings. Of these 777, 393 were found in compliance, 360 do not meet requirements but could come into compliance, and 24 have been identified as possible heightened scrutiny.

As of 07/01/2018, there have been 73 total non-residential settings assessed and submitted to MDHHS. MDHHS completed reviews of all 73 of these settings. Of the 73 settings, 29 were found in compliance, 29 do not meet requirements but could come into compliance with HCBS guidance, and 15 have been identified as possible heightened scrutiny.

MDHHS and the waiver agencies have been working with the settings on CAP to bring these settings into compliance. All MI Choice assessments have been submitted. As of October 1, 2018, all new settings must be immediately compliant.

MDHHS continues to work with LARA to incorporate policy language into the Medicaid Provider Manual regarding Emergency and Non-Emergency Involuntary Discharge. Regulations and policy will be promulgated.

MDHHS will change the dates as the original dates were not met as projected. Compliance will be determined by 01/01/2017. CAPs started in January 2016 for settings that have been determined out of compliance and notified of such. Once these settings indicate they are in compliance, they will be reassessed to verify compliance.

MDHHS has updated the corrective action process for MI Choice waiver agencies. As stated in the Contract, Attachment H, the corrective action process will be as follows:

1) MDHHS will notify both the provider and the MI Choice waiver agency regarding the providers compliance based upon the completed survey tool that was submitted to MDHHS.
2) For providers who are non-compliant, the provider will have 90 days to correct all issues that cause the noncompliance.
3) Once the issues are corrected, the provider will notify the waiver agency and schedule another on-site survey.
4) The waiver agency will have 90 days to complete another on-site survey and submit the survey to MDHHS for review.
5) If a provider does not notify the waiver agency within 90 days, the waiver agency will contact the provider to determine progress on the corrective action and schedule another on-site visit accordingly.
6) If the provider has not satisfactorily resolved the compliance issues, the waiver agency will suspend the provider from receiving new MI Choice participants until such time as the provider comes into compliance.
7) Regardless of the original notification date, all providers in all MI Choice provider networks will be compliant with the ruling no later than September 30, 2018.
8) Waiver agencies will start transition plans with individuals being served by non-compliant providers as of October 1, 2018. This planning will be person-centered and will focus on meeting the wishes of each participant regarding their preference of a qualified provider and enrollment in the MI Choice program.
9) By March 17, 2019, no MI Choice participants will be served by non-compliant providers.

**Additional Needed Information (Optional)**

Provide additional needed information for the waiver (optional):

https://wms-mmdl.cms.gov/WMS/faces/protected/35/print/PrintSelector.jsp

11/14/2018
Below is a summary of the public comments that were received regarding this waiver renewal as well as the responses from MDHHS.

1. One commenter had concerns about the requirement for reinsurance/stop loss insurance, stating that he thought the risk pool had satisfied this requirement.
   - MDHHS looked into this further and decided that the risk pool had satisfied this requirement and made the adjustments within the waiver application.

2. One commenter was concerned about the projected number of participants served for this waiver renewal. It was suggested that the numbers be increased.
   - MDHHS responded indicating that the numbers would remain the same, but the waiver application could be amended in the future to accommodate growing demand as necessary.

3. Some commenters had concerns about the new Community Health Worker (CHW) service. There was concern that this would add more burden on the supports coordinators (SC), require more coordination between the SC and CHW, be a financial burden on waiver agencies, and complicate any nursing facility or hospital discharge process.
   - MDHHS has responded to these questions indicating that the CHW is intended to better assist the participant in getting services or resources he or she needs to improve health and quality of life. It is the intent of the CHW service to lessen the burden on the SC. The rate structure for MI Choice capitation rates will reflect funding for the CHW service, and the method for this will be continuously improved as more experience is gained with the service. SCs are already contractually obligated to communicate with any providers working with the participant, and the addition of the CHW service does not negate that requirement.

4. For the addition of Respiratory Therapist for Private Duty Nursing (PDN) services, one commenter has asked that the capitation rates reflect this change.
   - MDHHS is working with the Actuary to ensure the rates reflect any necessary dollar adjustments to correlate with this change in allowed providers.

5. A couple of commenters were concerned about the growing cost of Private Duty Nursing (PDN) for individuals with higher levels of utilization. They asked for the PDN service to be carved out of MI Choice and offered as a State Plan service.
   - MDHHS responded that the State is working with the Actuary to develop some risk management strategies with the capitation rates to help waiver agencies overcome this financial burden.

6. Some commenters have asked for the Community Health Worker service to be allowed as an entity internal to the waiver agency instead of contracting out that service.
   - Per federal regulations, do not allow for waiver agencies to provide direct services unless there is no other willing and qualified provider in the service area. MDHHS understands that there is a network of Community Health Worker providers in Michigan.

7. Some commenters were in support of the additions to services and the changes in assessment frequency. They felt the changes will better meet the needs of participants.

8. One commenter thought the addition of nursing facilities as Respite settings was a reasonable change, but wants to ensure this option is used only when it is based on the participants' choice.
   - MDHHS' response was that Respite is a service that is only used on a temporary basis, and any Respite setting used must be according to the participant choice and included in the person-centered service plan. This change to the waiver service does not negate the requirement for participant choice.

9. One commenter suggesting removing the restriction that "Respite can only be provided in the home of another when the participant is using the self-determination option for service delivery."
   - MDHHS has made this change in the waiver application.

10. The State Long Term Care Ombudsman (SLTCO) should be consulted to determine what would constitute an appropriate nursing home setting for the Respite service.
    - MDHHS' response was that waiver agencies are free to contact the SLTCO as needed to determine an appropriate Respite placement in a nursing facility.

11. One commenter suggesting changing the Clinical Quality Assurance Review tools to incorporate more participant satisfaction measures.
    - MDHHS responded indicating its plans to use the CAHPS participant survey to assess participant satisfaction.

12. One commenter had concerns about participants being aware of how to report abuse, neglect, exploitation or other critical incidents.
    - MDHHS responded indicating that the MI Choice Participant Handbook includes information about how to report these types of incidents.

13. One commenter asked if the 180-day person-centered planning meeting be done by one discipline or nurse (RN)/social worker (SW) combination.
    - MDHHS responded indicating that only one supports coordinator need participate in the meeting, it does not have to be both the RN and SW unless the participant chooses to have both attend.
14. One commenter mentioned that there is no mention of availability of a supports broker in the MI Choice Participant Handbook. 
   - MDHHS indicated that this was an oversight and it will be added to the Handbook.

15. One commenter had concerns about potential conflicts of interest which could impede adequate provider monitoring.
   - MDHHS monitors the provider networks of all waiver agencies to assure there is choice in providers. MDHHS assures that participant choice is honored.

16. One commenter suggested there should be a more robust outreach process to make beneficiaries aware of the MI Choice program and the services it offers.
   - MDHHS will consider this.

17. One commenter applauds the efforts of MDHHS' efforts to improve the nursing facility level of care determination (LOCD) process. The commenter suggests that the Exception Criteria also be conducted by the provider conducting the rest of the tool with no separate process for this as is currently done.
   - MDHHS is already planning to make this change in the future, but this will happen when the necessary changes to the MMIS CHAMPS LOCD system and LOCD policy can take place.

18. One commenter had concerns as to whether transportation providers can safely meet participant needs if their insurance or labor policies bar the driver for engaging in assistance with getting into and out of the vehicle or in medical emergencies.
   - MDHHS provided the response that waiver agencies have the responsibility to identify participants who require this type of care and pair them with providers who can meet their needs.

19. One commenter was concerned that there may not be enough training for providers in identifying and reporting abuse and neglect.
   - MDHHS provided the response that the State sets minimum standards for training. Waiver agencies are free to add to those requirements as needed.

20. One commenter mentioned that training on the Minimum Operating Standards for supports coordinators should be offered by the State instead of relying on the waiver providers to do the training.
   - MDHHS suggested that the licensed professionals are already subject to ongoing training for continuing education units to maintain licensure. MDHHS is working on some training and certification for supports coordinators through a university. Several online modules are currently available. Online training resources are made available to waiver agencies on a regular basis.

21. One commenter had concerns about the language for some services that includes "these types of services are allowed only in cases when neither the participant nor anyone else in the household is capable of performing or financially paying for them, and where no other person is capable of or responsible for their provision." The language should read "able and willing" since there is no guarantee that other people would complete the tasks even if they are capable.
   - MDHHS will take this under advisement.

22. One commenter suggested that payment for 1st month's rent should be included as the Community Transition Services.
   - MDHHS provided the response that Community Transition services will be removed from the MI Choice waiver once the 1915i State Plan Amendment is approved.

23. One commenter suggested there have been long-term discussions about the adequacy of the network, especially the lack of direct care staff. Transportation services are also limited or unavailable in some areas, Nursing Facility Transitions are slowed because nursing facility transition staff are sometimes unable to respond promptly and because of limited direct care staff in the community.
   - MDHHS responded such that access to provider has been a problem nationwide and is not unique to Michigan or the MI Choice program.

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1. State Line of Authority for Waiver Operation. Specify the state line of authority for the operation of the waiver (select one):
   - The waiver is operated by the State Medicaid agency.

Specify the Medicaid agency division/unit that has line authority for the operation of the waiver program (select one):

   - The Medical Assistance Unit.

   Specify the unit name:
   - Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Medical Services Administration
   (Do not complete item A-2)

   - Another division/unit within the State Medicaid agency that is separate from the Medical Assistance Unit.

Specify the division/unit name. This includes administrations/divisions under the umbrella agency that has been identified as the Single State Medicaid Agency.
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2. Oversight of Performance.

a. Medicaid Director Oversight of Performance When the Waiver is Operated by another Division/Unit within the State Medicaid Agency. When the waiver is operated by another division/administration within the umbrella agency designated as the Single State Medicaid Agency, specify (a) the functions performed by that division/administration (i.e., the Developmental Disabilities Administration within the Single State Medicaid Agency), (b) the document utilized to outline the roles and responsibilities related to waiver operation, and (c) the methods that are employed by the designated State Medicaid Director (in some instances, the head of umbrella agency) in the oversight of these activities:

As indicated in section 1 of this appendix, the waiver is not operated by another division/unit within the State Medicaid agency. Thus this section does not need to be completed.

b. Medicaid Agency Oversight of Operating Agency Performance. When the waiver is not operated by the Medicaid agency, specify the functions that are expressly delegated through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or other written document, and indicate the frequency of review and update for that document. Specify the methods that the Medicaid agency uses to ensure that the operating agency performs its assigned waiver operational and administrative functions in accordance with waiver requirements. Also specify the frequency of Medicaid agency assessment of operating agency performance:

As indicated in section 1 of this appendix, the waiver is not operated by a separate agency of the State. Thus this section does not need to be completed.

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3. Use of Contracted Entities. Specify whether contracted entities perform waiver operational and administrative functions on behalf of the Medicaid agency and/or the operating agency (if applicable) (select one):

- Yes. Contracted entities perform waiver operational and administrative functions on behalf of the Medicaid agency and/or operating agency (if applicable).

Specify the types of contracted entities and briefly describe the functions that they perform. Complete Items A-5 and A-6.

- No. Contracted entities do not perform waiver operational and administrative functions on behalf of the Medicaid agency and/or the operating agency (if applicable).

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4. Role of Local/Regional Non-State Entities. Indicate whether local or regional non-state entities perform waiver operational and administrative functions and, if so, specify the type of entity (Select One):

- Not applicable

- Applicable - Local/regional non-state agencies perform waiver operational and administrative functions. Check each that applies:

  - Local/Regional non-state public agencies perform waiver operational and administrative functions at the local or regional level. There is an interagency agreement or memorandum of understanding between the State and these agencies that sets forth responsibilities and performance requirements for these agencies that is available through the Medicaid agency.

Specify the nature of these agencies and complete items A-5 and A-6:
Local/Regional non-governmental non-state entities conduct waiver operational and administrative functions at the local or regional level. There is a contract between the Medicaid agency and/or the operating agency (when authorized by the Medicaid agency) and each local/regional non-state entity that sets forth the responsibilities and performance requirements of the local/regional entity. The contract(s) under which private entities conduct waiver operational functions are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Specify the nature of these entities and complete items A-5 and A-6:

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) contracts with 20 waiver agencies to perform administrative and case management functions. They are responsible for disseminating waiver information to potential enrollees, assisting individuals in waiver enrollment (which includes assisting applicants with completion of the Medicaid eligibility application to secure financial eligibility), managing waiver enrollment against approved limits, conducting assessments and level of care evaluations, developing and reviewing participant service plans to ensure waiver requirements are met, conducting utilization reviews and quality management reviews, recruiting providers, and executing Medicaid provider agreements.

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5. Responsibility for Assessment of Performance of Contracted and/or Local/Regional Non-State Entities. Specify the state agency or agencies responsible for assessing the performance of contracted and/or local/regional non-state entities in conducting waiver operational and administrative functions:

The Home and Community Based Services Section (HCBSS), organizationally situated in the Long Term Care Services Division, Bureau of Medicaid Policy and Health System Innovation, Medical Services Administration, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for assessing the performance of each waiver agency.

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6. Assessment Methods and Frequency. Describe the methods that are used to assess the performance of contracted and/or local/regional non-state entities to ensure that they perform assigned waiver operational and administrative functions in accordance with waiver requirements. Also specify how frequently the performance of contracted and/or local/regional non-state entities is assessed:

MDHHS uses several methods to assess the performance of waiver agencies and assure assigned operational and administrative functions are completed in accordance with waiver requirements. MDHHS biennially examines administrative elements during the on-site Administrative Quality Assurance Reviews (AQR). MDHHS contracts with an External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) to examine the case record elements during the Clinical Quality Assurance Reviews (CQARs). MDHHS contracts with a third party vendor to conduct participant satisfaction surveys and provide analysis of the results.

The AQR process includes an examination of policy and procedure manuals, peer review reports, provider monitoring reports, provider contract templates, financial systems, encounter data accuracy, quality management plans (QMPs) and verification of required provider licensure to assure that each waiver agency meets all requirements. The AQR also verifies the waiver agency meets administrative, program policy, and procedural requirements by ensuring maintenance of program records for ten years, controlled access to program records according to HIPAA requirements, waiver agency employee access to program policies and procedures, and proper accounting procedures. MDHHS reviews waiver agency agreements with subcontracted providers, performs provider reviews, and may conduct interviews with both supports coordinators and MI Choice participants.

The second element is the CQAR. The EQRO employs qualified reviewers to complete the CQAR for every waiver agency each fiscal year. During the CQAR, reviewers examine case records and other information to gauge the level of compliance with program standards and to assess the quality of waiver agency service to each participant. The CQAR includes a review of whether person-centered service plans and service delivery are in compliance with State and Federal requirements. Identified discrepancies are reviewed and addressed.

MDHHS monitors implementation of the concurrent §1915(b)/(c) MI Choice waivers and monitors the following waiver agency delegated responsibilities:

Participant Waiver Enrollment – MI Choice has three requirements for program eligibility: 1) medical/functional (nursing facility level of care), 2) financial (Medicaid eligible), and 3) the need for at least one MI Choice service in addition to Supports Coordination. Waiver agencies assess medical/functional eligibility during an in-person interview using the Nursing Facility Level of Care (NFLOC) determination. MDHHS requires waiver agencies to put NFLOC results for all enrollments in the State's NFLOC system. The State's MMIS system will not approve MI Choice capitation payments for persons who do not have a valid, passing NFLOC in the system. MDHHS requires the EQRO to monitor compliance with NFLOC policy during annual CQARs by reviewing NFLOC determinations against completed IHC assessments and making home visits to participants. The CQAR process assures participants continually meet NFLOC criteria throughout MI Choice enrollment. MDHHS uses additional methods for all long term services and supports providers to validate the level of care determinations in the NFLOC system.
MDHHS local office staff determines financial eligibility for potential MI Choice participants. When the MDHHS local office affirms program financial eligibility, the waiver agency enters an enrollment record into the State's MMIS system. A Benefit Plan and Program Enrollment Type for MI Choice will be automatically assigned in the MMIS system. The system contains payment edits that will generate MI Choice capitation payments only when the beneficiary’s record contains both the MI Choice Benefit Plan and Program Enrollment Type.

MDHHS requires waiver agencies to monitor their caseload for participants who have not received services for 30 days. This is a quality measure required in the Quality Management Plan. Persons who do not require a MI Choice service are removed from the program following established policies and procedures.

Waiver Enrollment Management Against Approved Limits - Waiver agencies manage applicant enrollment into MI Choice and must develop written procedures for enrollment activities that are consistent with MDHHS policy. MDHHS reviews these policies and procedures during their biennial AQAR, or when waiver agencies propose changes to their policies and procedures. MDHHS monitors enrollment counts on a monthly basis. MDHHS monitors nursing facility transition requests and activities as they occur.

Waiver Expenditures Managed Against Approved Levels – Waiver agencies maintain administrative and financial accountability and manage expenditures against approved levels. The waiver agencies must take full advantage of services in the community that are paid for by other sources before authorizing MI Choice services for a participant. MDHHS routinely monitors encounters, expenditures, and administrative data from the Medicaid data warehouse. MDHHS also conducts reviews of expenditures and financial policies and procedures during the biennial AQAR.

Level of Care Evaluation – Waiver agencies determine medical/functional eligibility during an in-person interview using the NFLOC determination. MDHHS reviews all determinations and provides final approval for enrollment into the MI Choice Program. During the CQAR, the EQRO reviews a statistically significant sample of cases to compare level of care determinations (LOCDs) with actual assessments and verify that enrolled participants are eligible, LOCD items match comparable assessment responses, and supports coordinators reevaluate enrollees at least annually or upon a significant change in status. MDHHS also reviews LOCD administrative hearing decision summaries regularly, provides technical assistance and training, and initiates corrective actions as needed. MDHHS reviews all determinations and provides final approval as well as final decisions on denials and terminations for the MI Choice program.

Reviews of Participant Person-Centered Service Plans – Waiver agencies work with each participant and their allies to develop a written person-centered service plan. During the CQAR process, the EQRO conducts annual service plan and case record reviews on a statistically significant random sample of participants to ensure adherence to MDHHS contract requirements. Reviews include ensuring services are provided as planned, person-centered planning is used, and services and supports are consistent with identified needs and preferences.

Prior Authorization of Waiver Services – Waiver agencies use person-centered planning (PCP) principles to develop a person-centered service plan with the participant. The participant must approve all of services in the person-centered service plan before the waiver agency may authorize the participant’s chosen qualified provider to start furnishing the services. During the CQAR review process, the EQRO confirms participant approval and assures the approval occurred before services started. As part of the AQAR process, MDHHS verifies the waiver agency has policies and procedures related to the person-centered service plan development and that those policies and procedures are consistent with MDHHS and Federal requirements.

Utilization Management – Waiver agencies determine the appropriateness and efficacy of services provided. As part of the AQAR process, MDHHS conducts financial reviews by evaluating a sample of participants’ claims to the services included on the person-centered service plan over a three month period. This process includes reviewing the service record from inception through approved Medicaid encounter data to verify records match by date of service, amount, duration, and type of service. During CQAR reviews, the person-centered service plan is compared to iHC data and other information available in the record to assure the service plan meets the participants identified needs.

Qualified Provider Enrollment - Waiver agencies approve and enroll qualified service providers in their provider network to furnish MI Choice services. MDHHS requires each waiver agency to have an open bid process and to enroll willing and qualified providers in their provider network. MDHHS reviews and approves the contracting process and bid packet used by each waiver agency. MDHHS requires each waiver agency to have a provider network with capacity to serve at least 125% of their expected utilization for each MI Choice service and at least two providers for each MI Choice service. This assures network capacity as well as choice of providers. When waiver agencies cannot assure this choice within 30 miles or 30 minutes of travel time for each participant, they may request a rural area exception from MDHHS.

MDHHS reviews and approves all waiver agency bid packets prior to implementation. Waiver agencies must have policies and procedures that describe the frequency and method of verifying and monitoring staff qualifications. MDHHS reviews these policies and procedures during the AQAR process, or sooner if the waiver agency makes changes. MDHHS requires waiver agencies to submit provider network reports within 60 days of the start of the fiscal year that list all of their contracted providers, the services offered by each, and their capacity to serve MI Choice participants. Updates to this listing must be sent within 30 days of any changes. In addition to monitoring qualifications during the annual contracting process, MDHHS requires waiver agencies to complete a more comprehensive provider monitoring on 20% of providers annually (with a gradual increase in percent reviewed,
reaching 20% in 4 years). Waiver agencies use a monitoring tool created by MDHHS during their provider monitoring. At the beginning of the fiscal year, MDHHS requires waiver agencies to send provider monitoring schedules to MDHHS. The waiver agency submits provider monitoring reports to MDHHS within 30 days of completion of the monitoring process. MDHHS reviews and evaluates these reports for completeness and integrity of the process and may request additional information if there are any concerns. MDHHS will contact other waiver agencies using a provider if significant deficiencies are found. MDHHS also reviews provider files during the biennial AQAR.

Execution of Medicaid Provider Agreements – Waiver agencies use the Medicaid Provider Enrollment Agreement to complete enrollment into the waiver agency’s provider network. The waiver agencies maintain signed and executed agreements on file. MDHHS reviews waiver agency agreements with subcontracted providers during the biennial AQAR and as described above. MDHHS requires that all providers must be enrolled in the MMIS system (CHAMPS) to ensure appropriate background screening is completed. Once CHAMPS is ready to accept provider enrollment for atypical providers, they must all be enrolled in CHAMPS in order to receive payment for services. Until CHAMPS is ready to accept atypical provider enrollment, the waiver agencies retain the responsibility to assure criminal history screenings are conducted for their service providers.

Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement Activities – Waiver agencies develop their own Quality Management Plan (QMPs) every other year that address CMS and MDHHS quality requirements. MDHHS reviews and analyzes waiver agency QMPs and the associated yearly update reports. These reports provide detail regarding progress in quality assurance and quality improvement activities. MDHHS also compiles and compares individual waiver agency quality indicators and statewide averages. MDHHS has the capacity to run data on quality indicators and examine it at any time to monitor each waiver agency’s performance as needed.

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7. Distribution of Waiver Operational and Administrative Functions. In the following table, specify the entity or entities that have responsibility for conducting each of the waiver operational and administrative functions listed (check each that applies):
In accordance with 42 CFR §431.10, when the Medicaid agency does not directly conduct a function, it supervises the performance of the function and establishes and/or approves policies that affect the function. All functions not performed directly by the Medicaid agency must be delegated in writing and monitored by the Medicaid Agency. Note: More than one box may be checked per item. Ensure that Medicaid is checked when the Single State Medicaid Agency (1) conducts the function directly; (2) supervises the delegated function; and/or (3) establishes and/or approves policies related to the function.

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Quality Improvement: Administrative Authority of the Single State Medicaid Agency

As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Administrative Authority

The Medicaid Agency retains ultimate administrative authority and responsibility for the operation of the waiver program by exercising oversight of the performance of waiver functions by other state and local/regional non-state agencies (if appropriate) and contracted entities.

i. Performance Measures
For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance, complete the following. Performance measures for administrative authority should not duplicate measures found in other appendices of the waiver application. As necessary and applicable, performance measures should focus on:

- Uniformity of development/execution of provider agreements throughout all geographic areas covered by the waiver
- Equitable distribution of waiver openings in all geographic areas covered by the waiver
- Compliance with HCB settings requirements and other new regulatory components (for waiver actions submitted on or after March 17, 2014)

Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:
Number and percent of service plans for participants that were completed in time frame specified in the agreement with MDHHS. Numerator: Number of service plans for participants that were completed in specified time frame. Denominator: Number of service plans reviewed for participants.

Data Source (Select one):
- Record reviews, off-site
- If ‘Other’ is selected, specify:

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**Data Source** (select one):

- Record reviews, off-site
- Other
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- State Medicaid Agency
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- 100% Review
- Less than 100% Review
- Representative Sample
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- Stratified
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Number and percent of waiver agencies who submit annual Quality Management Plan (QMP) activity and outcome reports that illustrate they are adhering to their QMP. Numerator: Number of waiver agencies who submit annual QMP activity and outcome reports. Denominator: All waiver agencies.

Data Source (Select one):
Reports to State Medicaid Agency on delegated Administrative functions
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Number and percent of appropriate LOC determinations found after MDHHS review. Numerator: Number of appropriate LOC determinations found after MDHHS review. Denominator: Number of LOC determinations reviewed by MDHHS.

Data Source (Select one):
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**State’s NFLOC system**

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**Performance Measure:**

Number and percent of corrective action plans that were provided by waiver agencies according to requirements set by MDHHS or EQRO. Numerator: Number of corrective action plans that were provided by waiver agencies according to requirements set by MDHHS or EQRO. Denominator: Number of corrective action plans submitted.

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ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

MDHHS conducts the following monitoring processes in addition to the quality assurance reviews:

1. Routinely monitors encounter and capitation data from the Medicaid data warehouse.
2. Verifies active licensure via a public website for each registered nurse and social worker employed at the waiver agency annually or sooner if the waiver agency provides an updated personnel list.
3. Routinely reviews, analyzes, and compiles all MI Choice administrative hearings and appeals decisions and takes corrective action when a waiver agency is non-compliant with a decision and order resulting from an administrative hearing.
4. As needed, investigates and monitors through resolution complaints received regarding operations of the MI Choice waiver program. This process might involve discussion with the waiver agency, participants or their representatives, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), or any other entity that might be helpful in producing a resolution.
5. Routinely monitors, reviews, and evaluates the Critical Incident Reporting System.

In addition, MDHHS performs the following functions:
a. MDHHS verifies sub-contracted providers have active licenses as required and meet provider qualifications.

MDHHS approves the contracting process used by each waiver agency. This includes confirming providers have active licenses (all licensing information is available online) and meet all qualification requirements. MDHHS reviews and approves the bid packet as necessary. MDHHS reviews each agency’s policies and procedures and contractor files during the AQAR. When MDHHS has concerns about any provider, it may look up provider licenses online at any time. MDHHS requires the following providers of MI Choice services to be licensed: supports coordinators, which include a registered nurse (RN) or social worker (SW); nurses (RN or LPN) furnishing private duty nursing or nursing services; adult foster care homes, and homes for the aged. MDHHS conducts a 100% license verification process for all supports coordinators annually, and as additional staff are reported to MDHHS.

b. MDHHS provides administrative oversight of provider approvals, sanctions, suspensions, and terminations by the waiver agencies.

As part of the contract between MDHHS and the waiver agencies, MDHHS outlines steps waiver agencies can require as part of provider corrective action plans. As stated previously, waiver agencies send all provider monitoring reports, including corrective action plans, to MDHHS. MDHHS reviews these reports and may request additional information.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

If any participant is found to be enrolled and is being served but does not qualify for the program, the waiver agency must help the participant find alternative services in the community. The waiver agency must start disenrollment procedures with the participant within seven days of notification of the finding and must also inform the participant of appeal rights. MDHHS will recover all Medicaid capitation payments made during the period of ineligibility.

If any service plans for participants are not completed in the required time frame, the waiver agency must develop a service plan within seven business days of the finding.

If any service plans do not support paid services, the waiver agency either must immediately (within seven business days) update the service plan as necessary and have the participant review and provide approval, or arrange for the appropriate level of services to be provided as specified in the service plan.

If any waiver agency submits an annual QMP Activity and Outcome report that does not illustrate that it is adhering to its QMP, the waiver agency must submit a revised Activity and Outcome report that addresses all of the plans in the approved QMP. The waiver agency may be required to revise and resubmit its QMP within two weeks of the finding.

If any NFLOCs are found to have been conducted inappropriately after MDHHS review, a new NFLOC tool will need to be conducted and entered into the NFLOC system. If the participant no longer meets NFLOC, the waiver agency must start disenrollment procedures with the participant, including notification of the individual’s right to appeal.

ii. Remediation Data Aggregation

Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

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c. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Administrative Authority that are currently non-operational.
No

Yes

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Administrative Authority, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-1: Specification of the Waiver Target Group(s)

a. **Target Group(s).** Under the waiver of Section 1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act, the State limits waiver services to one or more groups or subgroups of individuals. Please see the instruction manual for specifics regarding age limits. *In accordance with 42 CFR §441.301 (b)(6), select one or more waiver target groups, check each of the subgroups in the selected target group(s) that may receive services under the waiver, and specify the minimum and maximum (if any) age of individuals served in each subgroup:*

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a. **Individual Cost Limit.** The following individual cost limit applies when determining whether to deny home and community-based services or entrance to the waiver to an otherwise eligible individual (select one). Please note that a State may have only ONE individual cost limit for the purposes of determining eligibility for the waiver:

- **No Cost Limit.** The State does not apply an individual cost limit. *Do not complete Item B-2-b or item B-2-c.*

- **Cost Limit in Excess of Institutional Costs.** The State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise eligible individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of the home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed the cost of a level of care specified for the waiver up to an amount specified by the State. *Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.*

  **The limit specified by the State is (select one):**

  - **A level higher than 100% of the institutional average.**
    
    Specify the percentage: 

  - **Other**
    
    Specify:

  - **Institutional Cost Limit.** Pursuant to 42 CFR 441.301(a)(3), the State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise eligible individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of the home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed 100% of the cost of the level of care specified for the waiver. *Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.*

  - **Cost Limit Lower Than Institutional Costs.** The State refuses entrance to the waiver to any otherwise qualified individual when the State reasonably expects that the cost of home and community-based services furnished to that individual would exceed the following amount specified by the State that is less than the cost of a level of care specified for the waiver. *Specify the basis of the limit, including evidence that the limit is sufficient to assure the health and welfare of waiver participants. Complete Items B-2-b and B-2-c.*

  The cost limit specified by the State is (select one):

  - **The following dollar amount:**
    
    Specify dollar amount: 

    **The dollar amount (select one):**

    - **Is adjusted each year that the waiver is in effect by applying the following formula:**
      
      Specify the formula:

    - **May be adjusted during the period the waiver is in effect. The State will submit a waiver amendment to CMS to adjust the dollar amount.**

    - **The following percentage that is less than 100% of the institutional average:**
      
      Specify percent: 

  - **Other:**
    
    Specify:
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B-2: Individual Cost Limit (2 of 2)

Answers provided in Appendix B-2-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

b. Method of Implementation of the Individual Cost Limit. When an individual cost limit is specified in Item B-2-a, specify the procedures that are followed to determine in advance of waiver entrance that the individual's health and welfare can be assured within the cost limit:


c. Participant Safeguards. When the State specifies an individual cost limit in Item B-2-a and there is a change in the participant's condition or circumstances post-entrance to the waiver that requires the provision of services in an amount that exceeds the cost limit in order to assure the participant's health and welfare, the State has established the following safeguards to avoid an adverse impact on the participant (check each that applies):

- The participant is referred to another waiver that can accommodate the individual's needs.
- Additional services in excess of the individual cost limit may be authorized.

Specify the procedures for authorizing additional services, including the amount that may be authorized:

- Other safeguard(s)

Specify:

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-3: Number of Individuals Served (1 of 4)

a. Unduplicated Number of Participants. The following table specifies the maximum number of unduplicated participants who are served in each year that the waiver is in effect. The State will submit a waiver amendment to CMS to modify the number of participants specified for any year(s), including when a modification is necessary due to legislative appropriation or another reason. The number of unduplicated participants specified in this table is basis for the cost-neutrality calculations in Appendix J:

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b. Limitation on the Number of Participants Served at Any Point in Time. Consistent with the unduplicated number of participants specified in Item B-3-a, the State may limit to a lesser number the number of participants who will be served at any point in time during a waiver year. Indicate whether the State limits the number of participants in this way: (select one):

- The State does not limit the number of participants that it serves at any point in time during a waiver year.
- The State limits the number of participants that it serves at any point in time during a waiver year.

The limit that applies to each year of the waiver period is specified in the following table:

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#### B-3: Number of Individuals Served (2 of 4)

c. **Reserved Waiver Capacity.** The State may reserve a portion of the participant capacity of the waiver for specified purposes (e.g., provide for the community transition of institutionalized persons or furnish waiver services to individuals experiencing a crisis) subject to CMS review and approval. The State (select one):

- Not applicable. The state does not reserve capacity.
- The State reserves capacity for the following purpose(s).

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#### B-3: Number of Individuals Served (3 of 4)

d. **Scheduled Phase-In or Phase-Out.** Within a waiver year, the State may make the number of participants who are served subject to a phase-in or phase-out schedule (select one):

- The waiver is not subject to a phase-in or a phase-out schedule.
- The waiver is subject to a phase-in or phase-out schedule that is included in Attachment #1 to Appendix B-3. This schedule constitutes an intra-year limitation on the number of participants who are served in the waiver.

e. **Allocation of Waiver Capacity.**

Select one:

- Waiver capacity is allocated/managed on a statewide basis.
- Waiver capacity is allocated to local/regional non-state entities.

Specify: (a) the entities to which waiver capacity is allocated; (b) the methodology that is used to allocate capacity and how often the methodology is reevaluated; and, (c) policies for the reallocation of unused capacity among local/regional non-state entities:

(a) Michigan operates its waiver through waiver agencies.

(b) The methodology used to allocate capacity is based on several factors:

1. Original allocation was determined by demand for services when the waiver began operation.
2. Annual allocations are determined by the funds approved in the final State budget.
3. Waiver agencies are allocated additional slots based upon the following factors (in no particular order of importance):
   a. Each waiver agency’s previous percentage of the statewide allocation
   b. The number of participants currently enrolled at the waiver agency
   c. The number of individuals on the waiting list in a provider service area relative to the number of waiver participants in the provider service area
   d. The number of unused slots in the previous fiscal year for each waiver agency
   e. The average number of days individuals are on the waiting list for each provider service area (i.e. wait time)

MDHHS uses an algorithm for reallocating slots each fiscal year. The algorithm accounts for the available funding, the current number of slots filled (i.e. carry over from one fiscal year to the next), each waiver agency’s capacity to fill slots, the number of individuals on the waiting list, and the average length of time on the waiting list before enrollment. Agencies that have used previously allocated slots and have a high number of individuals on the waiting list, and a longer wait time are allocated more slots each year than other agencies.

(c) There is currently no excess capacity in any of the waiver agencies. MDHHS may not use all requested slots per year, but it does deplete allocated program funding each fiscal year. The Michigan Legislature allocates a specific amount of funding each year for the MI Choice program. MDHHS can only allocate slots up to the amount determined to deplete that funding. There is a waiting list for MI Choice services.

f. **Selection of Entrants to the Waiver.** Specify the policies that apply to the selection of individuals for entrance to the waiver:
All applicants for MI Choice must meet nursing facility level of care requirements as determined by a qualified professional through an evaluation using the Michigan Medicaid Nursing Facility Level of Care Determination (LOCD). After this evaluation, MDHHS requires that individuals receive information on all programs for which they qualify. Individuals then indicate the program of their choice and document the receipt of information regarding their options by completing the Michigan Freedom of Choice form. This form must be signed and dated by the applicant seeking services or their legal representative, indicate the individual chooses to receive services through the MI Choice program, and is maintained in the applicant’s case record.

When the number of program participants receiving and applying for MI Choice services exceeds program capacity, a procedure is implemented giving priority in descending order to the following groups for enrollment in the program:

1. Young adults who are no longer eligible for State Plan Private Duty Nursing Services because of age restrictions on this benefit who continue to demonstrate a need for Private Duty Nursing services;

2. Nursing facility residents who meet program requirements, express a desire to return to a home and community based setting, and need assistance with transitioning to the community;

3. Qualified applicants diverted from an imminent nursing facility admission including any applicant with an active Adult Protective Services (APS) case who qualifies for and could benefit from MI Choice services;

4. All other qualified applicants in chronological order by date of inquiry.

Category 1 has the highest priority and individuals on the waiting list in this category are enrolled first. Then, applicants in Category 2 followed by applicants in Category 3 followed by applicants in Category 4 are enrolled. Within each category applicants are prioritized in chronological order by date of inquiry. However, because of unique circumstances pertaining to each applicant, actual enrollment may vary from the waiting list ranking of an individual. For instance, some applicants in category 2 may need to wait to enroll in MI Choice until they secure affordable housing. This would not prevent an applicant who was lower on the waiting list and ready to enroll from doing so, as long as there are slots available. All waiting list priority categories are established and further defined in state Medicaid policy.

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B-3: Number of Individuals Served - Attachment #1 (4 of 4)

Answers provided in Appendix B-3-d indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

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B-4: Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver

a. State Classification. The State is a (select one):
   - §1634 State
   - SSI Criteria State
   - 209(b) State

2. Miller Trust State.
   Indicate whether the State is a Miller Trust State (select one):
   - No
   - Yes

b. Medicaid Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver. Individuals who receive services under this waiver are eligible under the following eligibility groups contained in the State plan. The State applies all applicable federal financial participation limits under the plan. Check all that apply:

   Eligibility Groups Served in the Waiver (excluding the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217)

   - [ ] Low income families with children as provided in §1931 of the Act
   - [ ] SSI recipients
   - [ ] Aged, blind or disabled in 209(b) states who are eligible under 42 CFR §435.121
   - [ ] Optional State supplement recipients
   - [ ] Optional categorically needy aged and/or disabled individuals who have income at:

   Select one:
   - [ ] 100% of the Federal poverty level (FPL)
% of FPL, which is lower than 100% of FPL.

Specify percentage:

☐ Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (BBA working disabled group as provided in §1902(a)(10) (A)(ii)(XIII)) of the Act)
☐ Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (TWWIIA Basic Coverage Group as provided in §1902(a) (10)(A)(ii)(XV) of the Act)
☐ Working individuals with disabilities who buy into Medicaid (TWWIIA Medical Improvement Coverage Group as provided in §1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVI) of the Act)
☐ Disabled individuals age 18 or younger who would require an institutional level of care (TEFRA 134 eligibility group as provided in §1902(e)(3) of the Act)
☐ Medically needy in 209(b) States (42 CFR §435.330)
☐ Medically needy in 1634 States and SSI Criteria States (42 CFR §435.320, §435.322 and §435.324)
☐ Other specified groups (include only statutory/regulatory reference to reflect the additional groups in the State plan that may receive services under this waiver)

Specify:

Special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217) Note: When the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217 is included, Appendix B-5 must be completed

☐ No. The State does not furnish waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217. Appendix B-5 is not submitted.
☐ Yes. The State furnishes waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217.

Select one and complete Appendix B-5.

☐ All individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217
☐ Only the following groups of individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217

Check each that applies:

☑ A special income level equal to:

Select one:

☐ 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)
☐ A percentage of FBR, which is lower than 300% (42 CFR §435.236)

Specify percentage:

☐ A dollar amount which is lower than 300%.

Specify dollar amount:

☐ Aged, blind and disabled individuals who meet requirements that are more restrictive than the SSI program (42 CFR §435.121)
☑ Medically needy without spenddown in States which also provide Medicaid to recipients of SSI (42 CFR §435.320, §435.322 and §435.324)
☐ Medically needy without spend down in 209(b) States (42 CFR §435.330)
☑ Aged and disabled individuals who have income at:

Select one:

☐ 100% of FPL
☐ % of FPL, which is lower than 100%.

Specify percentage amount:
Other specified groups (include only statutory/regulatory reference to reflect the additional groups in the State plan that may receive services under this waiver)

Specify:

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (1 of 7)

In accordance with 42 CFR §441.303(e), Appendix B-5 must be completed when the State furnishes waiver services to individuals in the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217, as indicated in Appendix B-4. Post-eligibility applies only to the 42 CFR §435.217 group.

a. Use of Spousal Impoverishment Rules. Indicate whether spousal impoverishment rules are used to determine eligibility for the special home and community-based waiver group under 42 CFR §435.217:

Note: For the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014, the following instructions are mandatory. The following box should be checked for all waivers that furnish waiver services to the 42 CFR §435.217 group effective at any point during this time period.

Spousal impoverishment rules under §1924 of the Act are used to determine the eligibility of individuals with a community spouse for the special home and community-based waiver group. In the case of a participant with a community spouse, the State uses spousal post-eligibility rules under §1924 of the Act.

Complete Items B-5-e (if the selection for B-4-a-i is SSI State or §1634) or B-5-f (if the selection for B-4-a-i is 209b State) and Item B-5-g unless the state indicates that it also uses spousal post-eligibility rules for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.

Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018 (select one).

Spousal impoverishment rules under §1924 of the Act are not used to determine the eligibility of individuals with a community spouse for the special home and community-based waiver group. The State uses regular post-eligibility rules for individuals with a community spouse.

In the case of a participant with a community spouse, the State elects to (select one):

- Use spousal post-eligibility rules under §1924 of the Act.
  (Complete Item B-5-b (SSI State) and Item B-5-d)
- Use regular post-eligibility rules under 42 CFR §435.726 (SSI State) or under §435.735 (209b State)
  (Complete Item B-5-b (SSI State). Do not complete Item B-5-d)
- Spousal impoverishment rules under §1924 of the Act are not used to determine eligibility of individuals with a community spouse for the special home and community-based waiver group. The State uses regular post-eligibility rules for individuals with a community spouse.
  (Complete Item B-5-b (SSI State). Do not complete Item B-5-d)

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (2 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.

b. Regular Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income: SSI State.

The State uses the post-eligibility rules at 42 CFR 435.726 for individuals who do not have a spouse or have a spouse who is not a community spouse as specified in §1924 of the Act. Payment for home and community-based waiver services is reduced by the amount remaining after deducting the following allowances and expenses from the waiver participant's income:

i. Allowance for the needs of the waiver participant (select one):

- The following standard included under the State plan

  Select one:

  - SSI standard
  - Optional State supplement standard
  - Medically needy income standard
  - The special income level for institutionalized persons
(select one):

- 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR)
- A percentage of the FBR, which is less than 300%
  Specify the percentage: [Blank]
- A dollar amount which is less than 300%.
  Specify dollar amount: [Blank]
- A percentage of the Federal poverty level
  Specify percentage: [Blank]
- Other standard included under the State Plan
  Specify: [Blank]
- The following dollar amount
  Specify dollar amount: [Blank] If this amount changes, this item will be revised.
- The following formula is used to determine the needs allowance:
  Specify: [Blank]
- Other
  Specify: [Blank]

ii. Allowance for the spouse only (select one):

- Not Applicable
- The state provides an allowance for a spouse who does not meet the definition of a community spouse in §1924 of the Act. Describe the circumstances under which this allowance is provided:
  Specify: [Blank]
  Specify the amount of the allowance (select one):

- SSI standard
- Optional State supplement standard
- Medically needy income standard
- The following dollar amount:
  Specify dollar amount: [Blank] If this amount changes, this item will be revised.
- The amount is determined using the following formula:
  Specify: [Blank]

iii. Allowance for the family (select one):

...
Not Applicable (see instructions)

AFDC need standard

Medically needy income standard

The following dollar amount:

Specify dollar amount: [_______] The amount specified cannot exceed the higher of the need standard for a family of the same size used to determine eligibility under the State's approved AFDC plan or the medically needy income standard established under 42 CFR §435.811 for a family of the same size. If this amount changes, this item will be revised.

The amount is determined using the following formula:

Specify:

Other

Specify:

iv. Amounts for incurred medical or remedial care expenses not subject to payment by a third party, specified in 42 CFR 435.726:

a. Health insurance premiums, deductibles and co-insurance charges

b. Necessary medical or remedial care expenses recognized under State law but not covered under the State's Medicaid plan, subject to reasonable limits that the State may establish on the amounts of these expenses.

Select one:

Not Applicable (see instructions) Note: If the State protects the maximum amount for the waiver participant, not applicable must be selected.

The State does not establish reasonable limits.

The State establishes the following reasonable limits

Specify:

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (3 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.

c. Regular Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income: 209(B) State.

Answers provided in Appendix B-4 indicate that you do not need to complete this section and therefore this section is not visible.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (4 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the time periods before January 1, 2014 or after December 31, 2018.

d. Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income Using Spousal Impoverishment Rules

The State uses the post-eligibility rules of §1924(d) of the Act (spousal impoverishment protection) to determine the contribution of a participant with a community spouse toward the cost of home and community-based care if it determines the individual's eligibility under §1924 of the Act. There is deducted from the participant's monthly income a personal needs allowance (as specified below), a community spouse's allowance and a family allowance as specified in the State Medicaid Plan. The State must also protect amounts for incurred expenses for medical or remedial care (as specified below).
i. Allowance for the personal needs of the waiver participant

(select one):
- SSI standard
- Optional State supplement standard
- Medically needy income standard
- The special income level for institutionalized persons
- A percentage of the Federal poverty level

Specify percentage: 

The following dollar amount:

Specify dollar amount: 

If this amount changes, this item will be revised

The following formula is used to determine the needs allowance:

Specify formula:

Other

Specify:

ii. If the allowance for the personal needs of a waiver participant with a community spouse is different from the amount used for the individual's maintenance allowance under 42 CFR §435.726 or 42 CFR §435.735, explain why this amount is reasonable to meet the individual's maintenance needs in the community.

Select one:

- Allowance is the same
- Allowance is different.

Explanation of difference:

iii. Amounts for incurred medical or remedial care expenses not subject to payment by a third party, specified in 42 CFR §435.726:

a. Health insurance premiums, deductibles and co-insurance charges
b. Necessary medical or remedial care expenses recognized under State law but not covered under the State's Medicaid plan, subject to reasonable limits that the State may establish on the amounts of these expenses.

Select one:

- Not Applicable (see instructions) Note: If the State protects the maximum amount for the waiver participant, not applicable must be selected.
- The State does not establish reasonable limits.
- The State uses the same reasonable limits as are used for regular (non-spousal) post-eligibility.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (5 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014.


Answers provided in Appendix B-5-a indicate the selections in B-5-b also apply to B-5-e.
Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (6 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014.


Answers provided in Appendix B-4 indicate that you do not need to complete this section and therefore this section is not visible.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-5: Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (7 of 7)

Note: The following selections apply for the five-year period beginning January 1, 2014.


The State uses the post-eligibility rules of §1924(d) of the Act (spousal impoverishment protection) to determine the contribution of a participant with a community spouse toward the cost of home and community-based care. There is deducted from the participant's monthly income a personal needs allowance (as specified below), a community spouse's allowance and a family allowance as specified in the State Medicaid Plan. The State must also protect amounts for incurred expenses for medical or remedial care (as specified below).

Answers provided in Appendix B-5-a indicate the selections in B-5-d also apply to B-5-g.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility

B-6: Evaluation/Reevaluation of Level of Care

As specified in 42 CFR §441.302(c), the State provides for an evaluation (and periodic reevaluations) of the need for the level(s) of care specified for this waiver, when there is a reasonable indication that an individual may need such services in the near future (one month or less), but for the availability of home and community-based waiver services.

a. Reasonable Indication of Need for Services. In order for an individual to be determined to need waiver services, an individual must require: (a) the provision of at least one waiver service, as documented in the service plan, and (b) the provision of waiver services at least monthly or, if the need for services is less than monthly, the participant requires regular monthly monitoring which must be documented in the service plan. Specify the State's policies concerning the reasonable indication of the need for services:

i. Minimum number of services.

The minimum number of waiver services (one or more) that an individual must require in order to be determined to need waiver services is:

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ii. Frequency of services. The State requires (select one):

- The provision of waiver services at least monthly
- Monthly monitoring of the individual when services are furnished on a less than monthly basis

If the State also requires a minimum frequency for the provision of waiver services other than monthly (e.g., quarterly), specify the frequency:

b. Responsibility for Performing Evaluations and Reevaluations. Level of care evaluations and reevaluations are performed (select one):

- Directly by the Medicaid agency
- By the operating agency specified in Appendix A
- By an entity under contract with the Medicaid agency.

Specify the entity:

- Waiver agency
- Other

Specify:
c. **Qualifications of Individuals Performing Initial Evaluation:** Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(1), specify the educational/professional qualifications of individuals who perform the initial evaluation of level of care for waiver applicants:

The Michigan Medicaid Nursing Facility Level of Care Determination must be completed by a health care professional: physician, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, licensed social worker (BSW or MSW), a physician assistant, physical therapist, occupational therapist, or speech therapist.

d. **Level of Care Criteria.** Fully specify the level of care criteria that are used to evaluate and reevaluate whether an individual needs services through the waiver and that serve as the basis of the State’s level of care instrument/tool. Specify the level of care instrument/tool that is employed. State laws, regulations, and policies concerning level of care criteria and the level of care instrument/tool are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable), including the instrument/tool utilized.

Enrollment into the MI Choice waiver requires the applicant to meet the State Medicaid Agency’s specified medical/functional eligibility criteria for nursing facility level of care within a seven (7) and fourteen (14) calendar day look-back period, using the Nursing Facility Level of Care Determination (LOCD) Tool. Waiver agencies conduct the evaluations, but the State provides the final approval or denial for all LOCDs. Nursing facility level of care criteria consists of seven medical/functional domains that are outlined in the LOCD Tool. These domains, or doors, are: Door 1: Activities of Daily Living, Door 2: Cognitive Performance, Door 3: Physician Involvement, Door 4: Treatments and Conditions, Door 5: Skilled Rehabilitation Therapies, Door 6: Behavioral Challenges, Door 7: Service Dependency, and Door 8: Frailty Criteria. The applicant must meet, and continue to meet, the LOCD criteria on an on-going basis to remain eligible for the program. The online LOCD is completed every 365 days for each participant, unless the participant has a significant change of condition which may change their current eligibility status. The online NFLOC/LOCD system determines whether the applicant/participant meets or does not meet level of care.

**Door 1 - Activities of Daily Living (ADL) Dependency**

Self-ability in (A) Bed (sleeping surface) Mobility, (B) Transfers, and (C) Toilet Use in the last seven (7) calendar days from the date the LOCD was conducted online:

- Independent or Supervision = 1
- Limited Assistance = 3
- Extensive Assistance or Total Dependence = 4
- Activity Did Not Occur during the entire 7-day period regardless of ability (applicant was not mobile, did not transfer, did not toilet) = 8

Self-ability in (D) Eating in the last seven calendar days from the date the LOCD was conducted online:

- Independent or Supervision = 1
- Limited Assistance = 2
- Extensive Assistance or Total Dependence = 3
- Activity Did Not Occur during the entire 7-day period regardless of ability (applicant did not eat) = 8

**Door 1 Eligibility Requirement:** The applicant must score at least six points in Door 1 to qualify.

**Door 2 - Cognitive Performance**

The Cognitive Performance Scale is used to identify cognitive difficulties with short-term memory and daily decision-making.

A. **Short Term Memory:** determine the applicant’s functional capacity to remember recent events (i.e., short term memory).

- Memory Okay is selected when applicant appears to recall after five (5) minutes.
- Memory Problem is selected when the applicant does not recall after five (5) minutes.

B. **Cognitive Skills for Daily Decision Making.** Review events of the last seven (7) calendar days from the date the LOCD was conducted online and score how the applicant made decisions regarding tasks of daily life.

- Independent: decisions were consistent, reasonable; applicant organized daily routine consistently and reasonably in an organized fashion.
- Modified Independent: applicant organized daily routines, made safe decisions in familiar situations but experienced some difficulty in decision-making when faced with new tasks or situations.
- Moderately Impaired: applicant’s decisions were poor, required reminders, cues and supervision in planning, organizing and correcting daily routines.
- Severely Impaired: applicant’s decision-making was severely impaired; Applicant never or rarely made decisions.
C. Making Self Understood. Within the last seven (7) calendar days from the date the LOCD was conducted online, document the applicant’s ability to express or communicate requests, needs, opinions, urgent problems and social conversation.

Understood: applicant expresses ideas clearly and without difficulty.
Usually Understood: applicant has difficulty finding the right words or finishing thoughts, resulting in delayed responses; little or no prompting is required.
Sometimes Understood: applicant has limited ability, but is able to express concrete requests regarding basic needs (food, drink, sleep, toilet).
Rarely/Never Understood: at best, understanding is limited to interpretation of highly individual, applicant-specific sounds or body language.

Door 2 Eligibility Requirement: The applicant must score under one of the following three options:
1. ‘Severely Impaired’ in Decision Making.
2. ‘Yes’ for Memory Problem, and Decision Making is ‘Moderately Impaired’ or ‘Severely Impaired.’
3. ‘Yes’ for Memory Problem, and Making Self Understood is ‘Sometimes Understood’ or ‘Rarely/Never Understood.’

Door 3 - Physician Involvement
The number of days in which the physician or authorized assistant/practitioner examined the applicant or changed orders in the last fourteen (14) calendar days from the date the LOCD was conducted online.

A. Physician Visits/Exams: in the last 14 calendar days, count the number of days the applicant was examined. For example, if three physicians examined the applicant on the same day over the last 14 calendar days, count that as one exam. Do not count emergency room examinations. Do not count visits/exams made while the applicant was hospitalized. Do not count examinations prior to the last 14 calendar days.
B. Physician Orders: in the last 14 calendar days, count the number of days the physician changed the applicant’s orders. For example, if three physicians changed orders on the same day over the last 14 calendar days, count that as one order change. Do not count drug or treatment order renewals without change. Do not count sliding-scale order changes. Do not count emergency room orders. Do not count orders prior to the last 14 calendar days.

Door 3 Eligibility Requirement:
1. Over the last 14 calendar days, at least one day in which the Physician visited and examined the applicant AND at least four days in which the Physician changed orders, OR
2. Over the last 14 calendar days, at least two days in which the Physician visited and examined the applicant AND at least two days in which the Physician changed orders.

Door 4 - Treatments and Conditions
Nine Treatments/Conditions require a physician-documented diagnosis in the medical record. The treatments/conditions must be evidenced within the last fourteen (14) calendar days from the date the LOCD was conducted online. Applicants will no longer qualify under the treatment/condition once it has been resolved OR no longer affects functioning OR no longer requires the need for care. Applicants who are determined eligible require ongoing assessment and follow-up monitoring. Care planning and the focus for treatment for these applicants must involve active restorative nursing and discharge planning.

Treatment/Condition: Stage 3-4 pressure sores; Intravenous or Parenteral Feedings; Intravenous Medications, End-stage care; Daily Tracheostomy care, Daily Respiratory care, Daily Suctioning; Pneumonia within the last 14 days; Daily Oxygen Therapy (not Per Resident Need); Daily insulin with two order changes in last 14 days; Peritoneal or Hemodialysis.

Door 4 Eligibility Requirement: The applicant must score ‘Yes’ in at least one of the nine categories AND have a continuing need.

Door 5 - Skilled Rehabilitation Therapies
Skilled rehabilitation interventions is based on ordered AND scheduled therapy services within the last seven (7) calendar days from the date the LOCD was conducted online.

A. Speech Therapy in the last seven (7) calendar days
B. Occupational Therapy in the last seven (7) calendar days
C. Physical Therapy in the last seven (7) calendar days

Minutes: record the total minutes speech, occupational and physical therapy was administered for at least 15 minutes a day. Do not include evaluation minutes. Zero minutes are recorded if less than 15.
Scheduled Therapies: record the estimated total number of speech, occupational and physical therapy minutes the applicant was scheduled for, but did not receive. Do not include evaluation minutes in the estimation. Zero minutes are recorded if less than 15.

Door 5 Eligibility Requirements: The applicant must have required at least 45 minutes of active speech therapy, occupational therapy, or physical therapy (scheduled or delivered) in the last seven (7) calendar days AND continue to require skilled rehabilitation therapies to qualify.

Door 6 – Behavior

The repetitive display of behavioral challenges, OR the experience of delusions or hallucinations, both of which are supported by the Preadmission Screen Annual Resident Review (PASARR) requirement for nursing facility admission if the applicant chooses a residential setting for care, that impact the applicant’s ability to live independently in the community and are identified in Door 6. Behavioral challenges, hallucinations and delusions must have occurred within seven (7) calendar days prior to the date the LOCD was conducted online. The challenging behaviors are:

1. Wandering: moving about with no discernible, rational purpose; oblivious to physical or safety needs.
2. Verbal Abuse: threatening, screaming at or cursing at others.
3. Physical Abuse: hitting, shoving, scratching or sexually abusing others.
4. Socially Inappropriate/Disruptive: disruptive sounds, noisiness, screaming, performing self-abusive acts, inappropriate sexual behavior or disrobing in public, smearing or throwing food or feces, or hoarding or rummaging through others’ belongings.
5. Resists Care: verbal or physical resistance of care (i.e., physically refusing care, pushing caregiver away, scratching caregiver). This category does not include the applicants informed choice to not follow a course of care or the right to refuse treatment; do not include episodes where the applicant reacts negatively as others try to re-institute treatment that the applicant has the right to refuse.

Door 6 Eligibility Requirement: The applicant must have exhibited any one of the above behavioral symptoms in at least four of the last seven (7) calendar days (including daily) from the date the LOCD was conducted online OR the applicant exhibited delusional thinking or clearly demonstrated having experienced hallucinations within seven (7) calendar days from the date the LOCD was conducted online AND met the PASARR requirement for nursing facility admission if they choose a residential setting of care.

Door 7 - Service Dependency

Service dependency applies to current beneficiaries only who are enrolled in and receiving services from a Medicaid-certified nursing facility, MI Choice program or the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). All three of the following criteria must be met to demonstrate service dependency:

1. Applicant has been served by a Medicaid reimbursed nursing facility, MI Choice or PACE for at least one year; consecutive time across the programs (no break in service) may be combined AND
2. Applicant requires ongoing services to maintain current functional status AND
3. No other community, residential or informal services are available to meet the applicant’s needs (only the current provider can provide those services/needs)

Door 7 Eligibility Requirement: The applicant must meet all three of the above criteria to be determined service dependent.

Door 8: Frailty Criteria, must meet one of the criteria for eligibility.

Frailty: 6 criteria
1. performs late loss ADLs independently but requires unreasonable amount of time
2. performance in activities impacted by shortness of breath, pain or weakness
3. at least two falls in the past month
4. difficulty managing medications
5. poor nutrition despite meal preparation services
6. ER visits for unstable conditions

Behaviors:
1. wandering
2. verbal/physical abuse
3. socially inappropriate behavior
4. resists care

Treatments:
The applicant has demonstrated a need for complex treatments or nursing care.

c. Level of Care Instrument(s). Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(2), indicate whether the instrument/tool used to evaluate level of care for the waiver differs from the instrument/tool used to evaluate institutional level of care (select one):
f. Process for Level of Care Evaluation/Reevaluation: Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(1), describe the process for evaluating waiver applicants for their need for the level of care under the waiver. If the reevaluation process differs from the evaluation process, describe the differences:

An LOCD must be conducted according to MDHHS policy prior to MI Choice enrollment for every MI Choice participant. The LOCD must be entered in the online system no more than fourteen (14) calendar days from the MI Choice enrollment date. The LOCD may be entered at any time prior to enrollment as long as it remains valid upon enrollment. A valid LOCD is an LOCD that has been entered into the NFLOC/LOCD system and demonstrates the individual meets the nursing facility level of care. Annual LOCD reevaluations are conducted by qualified individuals according to MDHHS policy and are entered into the State's online NFLOC/LOCD system. The LOCD is required to be conducted every 365 days or sooner if there is a significant change in condition. The online NFLOC/LOCD system determines whether the applicant/participant meets or does not meet nursing facility level of care.

The criteria is the same for evaluations and reevaluations.

The LOCD assessment is comprised of several different “doors” which are different medical/functional conditions or categories through which an individual may meet LOCD. Waiver agencies are responsible for conducting the assessments and gathering the appropriate information to support the Door through which they think the individual may meet. The criteria are selected in the CHAMPS LOCD system, and CHAMPS makes the level of care determination. A random sample of the records in CHAMPS is pulled for MDHHS review, at which time the waiver agency that conducted the assessment must submit supporting documentation to MDHHS for review and approval.

MDHHS uses a two-tiered quality assurance strategy to verify the quality of all level of care determinations conducted within the state. The first tier is a statewide process used for nursing facilities, MI Health Link, PACE, and MI Choice. MDHHS requires ALL nursing facility level of care determinations conducted for individuals who are either applying or currently served by a long-term care program to be put in a secure web-based system that is located within the Community Health Automated Medicaid Payments System (CHAMPS). Michigan’s Medicaid Management Information System. Licensed, qualified health professionals conduct the nursing facility level of care determination using the statewide tool (available at https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_4860_78446_78448-103102--.00.html) and input their findings into the software application within CHAMPS. CHAMPS then runs the data through the nursing facility level of care algorithm to determine whether an individual meets the nursing facility level of care.

The quality assurance for this first tier is to randomly select at least 400 records that meet the nursing facility level of care and 400 records that do not meet the nursing facility level of care for additional review. MDHHS contracts with the Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO) to conduct reviews of the selected records to verify the level of care determination was properly conducted by the health professional.

Because the number of level of care determinations that are conducted per year will vary, MDHHS applied the following formula for determining a statistically significant sample size of an unknown population:

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\text{Necessary Sample Size} = \frac{(Z-score)^2 \times StdDev^2 \times (1-StdDev)}{\text{margin of error}^2}
\]

Where: Margin of Error equals 95%
Z-score equals 1.96 (95% confidence)
Standard Deviation (StdDev) equals .5

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((1.96)^2 \times .5(1-.5)) / (.05)^2 = 384.16, or 385 if rounding up.
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Therefore, the minimum number of cases that should be reviewed on ALL level of care determinations statewide only needs to be 385. MDHHS rounded that number up to 400 to assure the sample size remains statistically significant. Additionally, because of the adverse effects to the beneficiary of improperly determining that they do not meet the nursing facility level of care, MDHHS felt it important to assure that we are reviewing a statistically significant sample of both eligible and non-eligible determinations. Therefore, MDHHS will be reviewing at least 800 level of care determinations each year, 400 that meet level of care criteria, and 400 that do not meet level of care criteria.

For this first tier of quality assurance, MDHHS uses the simple random sampling technique. This technique is needed for several reasons. First, the nursing facility level of care determination is required to be completed BEFORE the individual is enrolled in a HCBS program. Second, individuals often require this determination BEFORE they can become eligible for Medicaid-funded LTSS. Lastly, individuals commonly transfer between HCBS programs and nursing facilities. Therefore, stratification of this sample
based upon the program utilized by the individual at the time of the determination is impossible.

The second tier of quality assurance for the MI Choice program is the Clinical Quality Assurance Review (CQAR) process. This process randomly selects a statistically significant sample of MI Choice case records to review. The population includes participants who have been enrolled in MI Choice for at least 90 days in the review year. The process for making this selection is to use an online sample size calculator, using 95% confidence level and a standard deviation of .5. Once the sample size is determined, the EQRO uses the probability proportional to size (PPS) sampling method to determine the number of records to review at each waiver agency. This is employed by determining the percentage of the MI Choice population served by each waiver agency, then applying that percentage to the number of records required for a statistically significant result. For example, if the total number of records to review was 300, and an agency served 10% of the total statewide participants, that agency would have 30 records reviewed. The only exception to this methodology is that the EQRO selects a minimum of 10 records to review at each waiver agency. The specific records reviewed for each agency are randomly selected using the systemic sampling method.

g. Reevaluation Schedule. Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(4), reevaluations of the level of care required by a participant are conducted no less frequently than annually according to the following schedule (select one):

- Every three months
- Every six months
- Every twelve months
- Other schedule
  Specify the other schedule:

A reevaluation is required every 365 days or with significant change in condition.

h. Qualifications of Individuals Who Perform Reevaluations. Specify the qualifications of individuals who perform reevaluations (select one):

- The qualifications of individuals who perform reevaluations are the same as individuals who perform initial evaluations.
- The qualifications are different.
  Specify the qualifications:

i. Procedures to Ensure Timely Reevaluations. Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(4), specify the procedures that the State employs to ensure timely reevaluations of level of care (specify):

The state requires supports coordinators to reevaluate each MI Choice participant's level of care at each in-person reassessment visit. The supports coordinators document that the participant continues to meet the nursing facility level of care within the case record, usually specifying the appropriate "door" through which the participant meets level of care criteria. Reassessments are conducted in person 90 days after the initial assessment, with a reassessment annually, or upon a significant change in the participant's condition. Supports coordinators track reassessment dates within the waiver agencies' information systems. When a supports coordinator suspects the participant no longer meets the nursing facility level of care, the supports coordinator conducts a new LOCD and enters the information in the State's NFLOC/LOCD system, which makes the level of care eligibility determination. When the system confirms the participant no longer meets nursing facility level of care, the supports coordinator initiates program discharge procedures and provides the participant with the adverse benefit determination and information on appeal rights.

The EQRO monitors compliance to this requirement during the clinical quality assurance reviews.

j. Maintenance of Evaluation/Reevaluation Records. Per 42 CFR §441.303(c)(3), the State assures that written and/or electronically retrievable documentation of all evaluations and reevaluations are maintained for a minimum period of 3 years as required in 45 CFR §92.42. Specify the location(s) where records of evaluations and reevaluations of level of care are maintained:

The NFLOC/LOCD system maintains all level of care determinations for a minimum of seven years. Waiver agency case records must confirm participants continue to meet LOCD criteria during MI Choice enrollments. This may be accomplished by verifying online LOCD records for participants, maintaining paper copies of LOCDs for participants, or identifying assessment data that supports LOCD eligibility within the record.

Appendix B: Evaluation/Reevaluation of Level of Care

Quality Improvement: Level of Care

As a distinct component of the State's quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Level of Care Assurance/Sub-assurances

The state demonstrates that it implements the processes and instrument(s) specified in its approved waiver for evaluating/reevaluating an applicant's/waiver participant's level of care consistent with level of care provided in a hospital, NF or ICF/IID.
i. Sub-Assurances:

   a. Sub-assurance: An evaluation for LOC is provided to all applicants for whom there is reasonable indication that services may be needed in the future.

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:
Number and percent of new MI Choice waiver participants who meet the NFLOC criteria prior to waiver enrollment. Numerator: Number of new MI Choice waiver participants who meet the NFLOC criteria prior to waiver enrollment. Denominator: All new MI Choice waiver participants.

Data Source (Select one):
Other
If ’Other’ is selected, specify:

Online database

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b. Sub-assurance: The levels of care of enrolled participants are reevaluated at least annually or as specified in the approved waiver.

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

c. Sub-assurance: The processes and instruments described in the approved waiver are applied appropriately and according to the approved description to determine participant level of care.

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of level of care determinations made by a qualified evaluator.
Numerator: Number of level of care determinations made by a qualified evaluator.
Denominator: All level of care determination files reviewed.

Data Source (Select one):
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**Performance Measure:**
Number and percent of participants who had level of care initial determinations where the level of care criteria was accurately applied. Numerator: Number of participants who had level of care initial determinations where the level of care criteria was accurately applied. Denominator: Number of participant files reviewed.

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ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

1) MDHHS contacts with an EQRO that employs qualified reviewers to conduct case record reviews on a sample of cases to compare level of care determinations (LOCDs) with actual assessments. Qualified reviewers analyze findings and verify that enrolled participants are eligible, LOCD items match comparable assessment responses, and supports coordinators reevaluate enrollees at least annually. The EQRO compiles results into the final written review report provided to the waiver agency. When qualified reviewers identify non-compliance, immediate remediation is required and pursued. Additionally, qualified reviewers may provide instructions for assuring compliance on-site and MDHHS staff provides training as needed. MDHHS disseminates and discusses final review results at the Quality Management Collaboration that meets quarterly, and at monthly Waiver Directors' meetings.

2) MDHHS or its designee conducts retrospective reviews monthly and as requested to validate the accuracy of the LOCDs completed by waiver agencies. The waiver agency must submit all supporting documentation requested by MDHHS or its designee.

3) MDHHS uses an edit process within the Medicaid Management Information System (CHAMPS) to prohibit generation of a capitation payment for participants who do not have a valid LOCD.

4) MDHHS reviews LOCD appeal and decision summaries regularly, provides technical assistance and training, and initiates corrective actions as needed.

5) MDHHS policy requires each waiver agency to use the established LOCD process and forms. Waiver agencies have first line responsibility for ensuring on a continual basis that supports coordinators determine participants eligible by using this process and MDHHS requires them to monitor determinations for errors and omissions. MDHHS requires the waiver agencies to have written procedures that follow MDHHS policy. As part of the retrospective review process, MDHHS or its designee ensures that the waiver agency uses the LOCD process and instruments described in the waiver application to determine level of care.

6) The new strategy for reviewing LOCDs will be in addition to the existing quality assurance and monitoring efforts. It provides additional program integrity. The statistically significant random sample for the new LOCD review process will be a different sample from that pulled for the clinical quality assurance review conducted by the EQRO for the existing quality assurance process, though some cases may overlap based on the nature of a random sample.

7) As part of the clinical quality assurance review conducted by the EQRO, a statistically significant random sample of MI Choice participants is reviewed for accuracy of the LOCDs conducted and whether the individual meets ongoing program eligibility. The LOCD record is compared to other clinical documentation such as assessments, physician orders, etc., in the participant’s record to ensure the information is consistent. Please see attached document (within the response for Request
for Additional Information) for review protocol standards. There is also the new process for LOCDs in addition to the performance measure listed in this section. The MDHHS designee will review a statistically significant random sample of all LOCDs entered into the CHAMPS MMIS system for all LTSS programs including nursing facilities, MI Choice Waiver, PACE, and MI Health Link HCBS Waiver. The random sample calculator website by Raosoft is used to determine an appropriate statistically significant random sample. For the review, providers will submit documentation supporting the criteria they entered in CHAMPS from which CHAMPS made the level of care determination.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items. During reviews conducted to validate the LOCD, if an applicant is found to be ineligible for the nursing facility level of care, the waiver agency must help the participant find alternative services in the community. Then the participant must be disenrolled from the MI Choice program and given their appeals rights. MDHHS will recover all Medicaid capitation payments made during the period of ineligibility. LOCDs resulting from such reviews may be appealed by the waiver agency through procedures established by MDHHS.

If during the CQAR, any waiver participant is found to not have an eligibility redetermination within 12 months of the participant’s last evaluation, the waiver agency must conduct a level of care evaluation within two weeks of notification of finding, if one has not already been conducted.

During the LOCD review or the CQAR, if any LOCDs were incorrectly applied, the waiver agency must conduct a new LOCD within two weeks of notification of the finding. If the participant originally was found ineligible for the waiver program, but the LOCD finds the participant eligible, the participant must be enrolled with the program as soon as possible. If the LOCD was done incorrectly but eligibility does not change, the waiver agency must conduct a new NFLOC review of the participant with supervisory oversight.

If during the CQAR, any level of care determinations are found to be conducted by someone unqualified, the waiver agency must conduct a new LOCD by someone who is a qualified evaluator. If a new LOCD is performed by a qualified evaluator and an applicant is found to be ineligible for MI Choice, MDHHS must disenroll the participant from the program, offer them appeal rights, and recover all Medicaid capitation payments made during the period of ineligibility.

ii. Remediation Data Aggregation

Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

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c. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Level of Care that are currently non-operational.

☐ No

☐ Yes

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Level of Care, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility
**B-7: Freedom of Choice**

*Freedom of Choice.* As provided in 42 CFR §441.302(d), when an individual is determined to be likely to require a level of care for this waiver, the individual or his or her legal representative is:

i. informed of any feasible alternatives under the waiver; and

ii. given the choice of either institutional or home and community-based services.

**a. Procedures.** Specify the State's procedures for informing eligible individuals (or their legal representatives) of the feasible alternatives available under the waiver and allowing these individuals to choose either institutional or waiver services. Identify the form(s) that are employed to document freedom of choice. The form or forms are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Any individual applying for Medicaid long term care services, including nursing facility services, MI Choice, MI Health Link HCBS Waiver, or PACE must meet functional eligibility through the Michigan Medicaid Nursing Facility Level of Care. Once an applicant has qualified for services under the nursing facility level of care criteria, the applicant must be informed of benefit options and elect, in writing, to receive services in a specific program. This election must take place before initiating Medicaid funded long term care services in the specified program.

The applicant, or legal representative, must be informed of the following services available to persons meeting the nursing facility level of care. Services available in a community setting include MI Choice, PACE, Home Health, Home Help, MI Health Link or nursing facility institutional care.

If applicants are interested in community-based care, but currently reside in a nursing facility, the nursing facility must provide appropriate referral information as identified in the Access Guidelines to Medicaid Services for Persons with Long Term Care Needs. The guidelines are available on the MDHHS website, the Michigan Medicaid Nursing Facility Level of Care Determination webpage. Applicants who prefer a community long term care option, but are admitted to a nursing facility because of unavailable capacity or other considerations, must also have an active discharge plan documented for at least the first year of care.

Applicants must indicate their choice of program in writing by signing the Freedom of Choice (FOC) form. A completed copy of this form must be retained for a period of seven years. The completed form must be kept in the case record if the participant chooses MI Choice.

The waiver agency is responsible for providing the information about various program options to the individuals. There is a Freedom of Choice form the individual signs indicating information about various programs was provided and he/she chose MI Choice.

**b. Maintenance of Forms.** Per 45 CFR §92.42, written copies or electronically retrievable facsimiles of Freedom of Choice forms are maintained for a minimum of three years. Specify the locations where copies of these forms are maintained.

The FOC form must be signed and dated by the applicant (or their legal representative) seeking services, indicate the participant's preference for the MI Choice program, completed according to established policies and procedures, and must be maintained in the applicant's case record.

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**Appendix B: Participant Access and Eligibility**

**B-8: Access to Services by Limited English Proficiency Persons**

*Access to Services by Limited English Proficient Persons.* Specify the methods that the State uses to provide meaningful access to the waiver by Limited English Proficient persons in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services "Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons" (68 FR 47311 - August 8, 2003):

Waiver agencies are required to provide language and culturally sensitive information to all applicants for MI Choice. Depending on the local community, brochures are printed in Spanish, French, Arabic, Polish, and Chinese. In meeting with individual waiver applicants or participants, waiver agencies may employ bilingual staff, or use translation services. The MI Choice Participant Handbook is available on the MDHHS website in English, Spanish, and Russian.

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**Appendix C: Participant Services**

**C-1: Summary of Services Covered (1 of 2)**
a. **Waiver Services Summary.** List the services that are furnished under the waiver in the following table. If case management is not a service under the waiver, complete items C-1-b and C-1-c:

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**C-1/C-3: Service Specification**

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**

- **Statutory Service**

**Service:**

- Adult Day Health

**Alternate Service Title (if any):**

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

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Category 1:          Sub-Category 1:
                      
Category 2:          Sub-Category 2:
                      
Category 3:          Sub-Category 3:
                      
Category 4:          Sub-Category 4:
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*Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:*

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.*
Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
Adult Day Health services are furnished four or more hours per day on a regularly scheduled basis, for one or more days per week, or as specified in the service plan, in a non-institutional, community-based setting, encompassing both health and social services needed to ensure the optimal functioning of the participant. Meals provided as part of these services must not constitute a “full nutritional regimen,” i.e., three meals per day. Physical, occupational and speech therapies may be furnished as component parts of this service.

Transportation between the participant’s residence and the Adult Day Health center is provided when it is a standard component of the service. Not all Adult Day Health Centers offer transportation to and from their facility. Additionally, some of those that offer transportation only offer this service in a specified area. When the center offers transportation, it is a component part of the Adult Day Health service. If the center does not offer transportation, or does not offer it to the participant’s residence, then MI Choice would pay for the transportation to and from the Adult Day Health Center separately.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Participants cannot receive Community Living Supports while at the Adult Day Health facility. Payment for Adult Day Health Services includes all services provided while at the facility. Community Living Supports may be used in conjunction with Adult Day Health services, but cannot be provided at the exact same time.

Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first. The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
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Provider Type:

- Adult Day Health Center

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):

N/A

Certificate (specify):

N/A

Other Standard (specify):

1. Each provider must employ a full-time program director with a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in a health or human services field or be a qualified health professional. The provider must continually provide support staff at a ratio of no less than one staff person for every ten participants. The provider may only provide health support services under the supervision of a registered nurse. If the program acquires either required or optional services from other individuals or organizations, the provider must maintain a written agreement that clearly specifies the terms of the arrangement between the provider and other individual or organization.

2. The provider must require staff to participate in orientation training as specified in the “General Operating Standards for Waiver Agents and Contracted Direct Service Providers.” Additionally, program staff must have basic first-aid training.
The provider must require staff to attend in-service training at least twice each year. The provider must design this training specifically to increase their knowledge and understanding of the program and participants, and to improve their skills at tasks performed in the provision of service. The provider must maintain records that identify the dates of training, topics covered, and persons attending.

3. If the provider operates its own vehicles for transporting participants to and from the program site, the provider must meet the following transportation minimum standards:

a. The Secretary of State must appropriately license all drivers and vehicles and all vehicles must be appropriately insured.

b. All paid drivers must be physically capable and willing to assist persons requiring help to get in and out of vehicles. The provider must make such assistance available unless expressly prohibited by either a labor contract or an insurance policy.

c. All paid drivers must be trained to cope with medical emergencies unless expressly prohibited by a labor contract.

d. Each program must operate in compliance with P.A. 1 of 1985 regarding seat belt usage.

4. Each provider must have first-aid supplies available at the program site. The provider must make a staff person knowledgeable in first-aid procedures, including CPR, present at all times when participants are at the program site.

5. Each provider must post procedures to follow in emergencies (fire, severe weather, etc.) in each room of the program site. Providers must conduct practice drills of emergency procedures once every six months. The program must maintain a record of all practice drills.

6. Each day health center must have the following furnishings:

a. At least one straight back or sturdy folding chair for each participant and staff person.

b. Lounge chairs or day beds as needed for naps and rest periods.

c. Storage space for participants’ personal belongings.

d. Tables for both ambulatory and non-ambulatory participants.

e. A telephone located in a private area and accessible to all participants.

f. Special equipment as needed to assist persons with disabilities.

The provider must maintain all equipment and furnishings used during program activities or by program participants in safe and functional condition.

7. Each day health center must document that it is in compliance with:

a. Barrier-free design specification of Michigan and local building codes.

b. Fire safety standards.

c. Applicable Michigan and local public health codes.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.

Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

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Service Type:

Statutory Service

Service:

Respite

Alternate Service Title (if any):
HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1: Caregiver Support
Sub-Category 1: 09011 respite, out-of-home

Category 2: Caregiver Support
Sub-Category 2: 09012 respite, in-home

Service Definition (Scope):
Respite services are provided to participants unable to care for themselves and are furnished on a short-term basis due to the absence of, or need of relief for, those individuals normally providing services and supports for the participant. Services may be provided in the participant’s home, in the home of another, or in a Medicaid-certified hospital, a licensed Adult Foster Care or Home for the Aged facility, a Medicaid-certified nursing facility, or another State approved facility. Respite does not include the cost of room and board, except when provided as part of respite furnished in a facility approved by MDHHS that is not a private residence.

Services include:

- Attendant Care (participant is not bed-bound), such as companionship, supervision, and assistance with toileting, eating, and ambulation.
- Basic Care (participant may or may not be bed-bound), such as assistance with ADLs, a routine exercise regimen, and self-medication.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
There is a 30-days-per-calendar-year-limit on respite services provided outside the home. The costs of room and board are not included except when respite is provided in a facility approved by the State that is not a private residence. Respite services cannot be scheduled on a daily basis, except for longer-term stays at an out-of-home respite facility. Respite should be used on an intermittent basis to provide scheduled relief of informal caregivers.

Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first. The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications:

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Provider Category:

- Agency

Provider Type:

- Home Care Agency

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):

Respite services provided in licensed care settings must meet the standards set forth in MCL 333.21511.

Certificate (specify):

N/A

Other Standard (specify):

When providing care in the home of the participant:

1. When Chore or Community Living Supports services are provided as a form of respite care, these services must also meet the requirements of the respective service category.

2. Each direct service provider must establish written procedures that govern the assistance given by staff to participants with self-medication. These procedures must be reviewed by a consulting pharmacist, physician, or registered nurse and must include, at a minimum:
   a. The provider staff authorized to assist participants with taking their own prescription or over-the-counter medications and under what conditions such assistance may take place. This must include a review of the type of medication the participant takes and its impact upon the participant.
   b. Verification of prescription medications and their dosages.
   c. Instructions for entering medication information in participant files.
   d. A clear statement of the participant’s and participant’s family’s responsibility regarding medications taken by the participant and the provision for informing the participant and the participant’s family of the provider’s procedures and responsibilities regarding assisted self administration of medications.

3. Each direct service provider must employ a professionally qualified supervisor that is available to staff while staff provide respite.

When providing respite in a licensed setting:

1. Each out-of-home respite service provider must be either a Medicaid certified hospital or a licensed group home as defined in MCL 400.701 ff, which includes adult foster care homes and homes for the aged.

2. Each direct service provider must employ a professionally qualified program director that directly supervises program staff.

3. Each direct service provider must demonstrate a working relationship with a hospital or other health care facility for the provision of emergency health care services, as needed. With the assistance of the participant or participant’s caregiver, the waiver agency or direct service provider must determine an emergency notification plan for each participant, pursuant to each visit.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:

- The contracting waiver agency.

Frequency of Verification:

- Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.

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Agency
Provider Type:
Long Term Care Facility
Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Administrative Rules 325.20101-325-22004.
Certificate (specify):
Must meet any applicable federal laws or rules for certification and/or licensure.
Other Standard (specify):
Other State-approved facilities that meet specific needs of Waiver enrollees.
Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
Contracted waiver agencies
Frequency of Verification:
Prior to service delivery and annually thereafter.

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Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Respite

Provider Category:
Individual
Provider Type:
Individuals chosen by the participant who meet the qualification standards
Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
N/A
Certificate (specify):
N/A
Other Standard (specify):
1. When Chore or Community Living Supports services are provided as a form of respite care, these services must also meet the requirements of the respective service category.
2. Family members who provide respite services must meet the same standards as providers who are unrelated to the individual.
3. Providers must be at least 18 years of age, have the ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing, and be able to follow instructions.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.
Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of services and annually thereafter.

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Service Type:
Statutory Service
Service:
Case Management

Alternate Service Title (if any):
Supports Coordination

HCBS Taxonomy:

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Service Definition (Scope):
Supports Coordination is provided to assure the provision of supports and services needed to meet the participant’s health and welfare needs in a home and community-based setting. Without these supports and services, the participant would otherwise require institutionalization. The supports coordination functions to be performed and the frequency of face-to-face and other contacts are specified in the participant’s person-centered service plan. The frequency and scope of supports coordination contacts must take into consideration health and safety needs of the participant. Supports Coordination does not include the direct provision of other Medicaid services.

Functions performed by a supports coordinator include the following:

1. Conducting the initial and subsequent Nursing Facility Level of Care Determinations per state policy.
2. Conducting the initial assessment and periodic reassessments.
3. Facilitating a person-centered planning process that is focused on the participant’s preferences, includes family and other allies as determined by the participant, identifies the participant’s goals, preferences and needs, provides information about options, and engages the participant in monitoring and evaluating services and supports.
4. Developing a service plan using the person-centered planning process, including revisions to the service plan at the participant’s initiation or as changes in the participant’s circumstances may warrant.
5. Referral to and coordination with providers of services and supports, including non-Medicaid services and informal supports. This may include providing assistance with access to entitlements or legal representation.
6. Monitoring of MI Choice waiver services and other services and supports necessary for achievement of the participant’s goals. Monitoring includes opportunities for the participant to evaluate the quality of services received and whether those services achieved desired outcomes. This activity includes the participant and other key sources of information as determined by the participant.
7. Providing social and emotional support to the participant and allies to facilitate life adjustments and reinforce the participant’s sources of support. This may include arranging services to meet those needs.
8. Providing advocacy in support of the participant’s access to benefits, assuring the participant’s rights as a program beneficiary, and supporting the participant’s decisions.
9. Maintaining documentation of the above listed activities to ensure successful support of the participant, comply with Medicaid and other relevant policies, and meet the performance requirements delineated in the waiver agency’s contract with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Communication is a required intervention and must be incorporated into the person-centered service plan.

Additional guidance for Supports Coordination can be found in the contract between MDHHS and MI Choice waiver agencies.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Participant must need and agree to accept at least one additional MI Choice service every 30 days to qualify for the program.
Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
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Service Type: Statutory Service
Service Name: Supports Coordination

Provider Category:
Agency
Provider Type:
Supports Coordinator
Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
MCL 133.18501 ... 333.18518 (Social Work), MCL 133.17201 ... 333.17242 (Registered Nurse)
Certificate (specify):
N/A
Other Standard (specify):
The agency must meet provider requirements as specified in the MI Choice contract. The agency must assure its employees are knowledgeable in the unique abilities, preferences and needs of the individual(s) being served. In addition, the agency must maintain a pool of qualified supports coordinators from which the participant can choose. Qualified staff includes a Registered Nurse (RN) and a Social Worker (SW), both with valid Michigan licenses to practice their profession as defined in the MI Choice contract.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
MDHHS verifies waiver agency qualifications. The waiver agency is responsible for assuring its employees and contracted providers meet provider qualifications for the service being delivered as specified in the MI Choice contract.
Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of services and annually thereafter.

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:
Extended State Plan Service
Service Title:
Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies

HCBS Taxonomy:
Category 2: Sub-Category 2:

14 Equipment, Technology, and Modifications ▼

14032 supplies ▼

Category 3: Sub-Category 3:

14 Equipment, Technology, and Modifications ▼

14031 equipment and technology ▼

Category 4: Sub-Category 4:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
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- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies includes devices, controls, or appliances that enable participants to increase their abilities to perform activities of daily living, or to perceive, control, or communicate with the environment in which they live. This service also includes items necessary for life support or to address physical conditions, along with ancillary supplies and equipment necessary to the proper functioning of such items.

This service excludes those items that are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the participant. Durable and non-durable medical equipment and medical supplies not available under the State Plan that are necessary to address the participant’s functional limitations may be covered by this service. Medical equipment and supplies furnished under the State Plan must be procured and reimbursed through that mechanism and not through MI Choice. All items must be specified in the participant’s person-centered service plan.

All items must meet applicable standards of manufacture, design and installation. Coverage includes training the participant or caregiver(s) in the operation and maintenance of the equipment or the use of a supply when initially purchased. Waiver funds may also be used to cover the maintenance costs of equipment.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first. The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.

Items reimbursed with waiver funds must be in addition to any medical equipment and supplies furnished under the State Plan and must exclude those items that are not of direct medical or remedial benefit to the participant.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E □
- Provider managed □

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person □
- Relative □
- Legal Guardian □

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Provider Type:
Enrolled Medicaid or Medicare DME Provider

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
N/A
Certificate (specify):
N/A
Other Standard (specify):
1. Each direct service provider must enroll in Medicare or Medicaid as a Durable Medical Equipment provider, pharmacy, etc., as appropriate.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.
Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.

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Service Type: Extended State Plan Service
Service Name: Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies

Provider Category:
Agency
Provider Type:
Retail Stores
Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
N/A
Certificate (specify):
N/A
Other Standard (specify):
Items purchased from retail stores must meet the Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies service definition. Waiver agencies must be prudent with their purchases and may have a business account with the retail store.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.
Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:
Supports for Participant Direction
The waiver provides for participant direction of services as specified in Appendix E. Indicate whether the waiver includes the following supports or other supports for participant direction.
Support for Participant Direction:
Financial Management Services
Alternate Service Title (if any):
Fiscal Intermediary

HCBS Taxonomy:
Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
Fiscal Intermediary services assist participants in self-determination in acquiring and maintaining services defined in the participant’s plan of service, controlling a participant’s budget, and choosing staff authorized by the waiver agency. The fiscal intermediary helps a participant manage and distribute funds contained in an individual budget. Funds are used to purchase waiver goods and services authorized in the participant’s plan of service. Fiscal Intermediary services include, but are not limited to, the facilitation of the employment of MI Choice service providers by the participant (including federal, state, and local tax withholding or payments, unemployment compensation fees, wage settlements), fiscal accounting, tracking and monitoring participant-directed budget expenditures and identifying potential over- and under-expenditures, and assuring compliance with documentation requirements related to management of public funds. The fiscal intermediary may also perform other supportive functions that enable the participant to self-direct needed services and supports. These functions may include verification of provider qualifications, including reference and criminal history reviews, and assisting the participant to understand billing and documentation requirements.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Fiscal Intermediary services are available only to participants choosing the self-determination option.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

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Service Type: Supports for Participant Direction
Service Name: Fiscal Intermediary

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Provider Type:

Fiscal Intermediary Agency
Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
N/A

Certificate (specify):
N/A

Other Standard (specify):
1. Provider must be bonded and insured.

2. Insured for an amount that meets or exceeds the total budgetary amount the fiscal intermediary is responsible for administering. Demonstrated ability to manage budgets and perform all functions of the fiscal intermediary including all activities related to employment taxation, worker’s compensation and state, local and federal regulations. Fiscal Intermediary services must be performed by entities with demonstrated competence in managing budgets and performing other functions and responsibilities of a fiscal intermediary. Neither providers of other covered services to the participant, the family or guardians of the participant may provide fiscal intermediary services to the participant. Fiscal Intermediary service providers must pass a readiness review and meet all criteria sanctioned by the state. Fiscal intermediaries will comply with all requirements.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.

Frequency of Verification:
Prior to execution and annual renewal of contract.

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State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:

The waiver provides for participant direction of services as specified in Appendix E. Indicate whether the waiver includes the following supports or other supports for participant direction.

Support for Participant Direction:

Alternate Service Title (if any):
Goods and Services

HCBS Taxonomy:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.
Service Definition (Scope):
Goods and Services are services, equipment or supplies not otherwise provided through either MI Choice or the Medicaid State Plan that address an identified need in the person-centered service plan (including improving and maintaining the participant’s opportunities for full membership in the community) and meet the following requirements. The item or service would:

- Decrease the need for other Medicaid services,
- Promote inclusion in the community, and
- Increase the participant’s safety in the home environment.

These goods and services are only available if the participant does not have the funds to purchase the item or service and it is not available through another source.

Goods and Services are only approved by CMS for self-direction participants. Experimental or prohibited treatments are excluded. Goods and Services must be documented in the person-centered service plan.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first. The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

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Service Type: Supports for Participant Direction
Service Name: Goods and Services

Provider Category:
Agency
Provider Type:
Retail Stores
Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
Certificate (specify):
Other Standard (specify):
Items purchased from retail stores must meet the Goods and Services definition. Waiver agencies must be prudent with their purchases and may have a business account with the retail store.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.
Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.
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| Service Type: Supports for Participant Direction |
| Service Name: Goods and Services               |

Provider Category:

- Individual

Provider Type:

- Contract Provider

Provider Qualifications

- License (specify): N/A
- Certificate (specify): N/A
- Other Standard (specify):
  1. The service or item must be designed to meet the participant's functional, medical or social needs and advances the desired outcomes in the individual plan of service.
  2. The service or item is not prohibited by federal or state Medicaid or other statutes and regulations, including the State's Procurement Requirements.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

- Entity Responsible for Verification: The contracting waiver agency.
- Frequency of Verification: Prior to contract execution.

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State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type: Other

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

- Service Title: Chore Services
- HCBS Taxonomy:

Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:
Service Definition (Scope):
Chore Services are needed to maintain the home in a clean, sanitary and safe environment. This service includes heavy household chores such as washing floors, windows and walls, tacking down loose rugs and tiles, and moving heavy items of furniture in order to provide safe access and egress. Other covered services might include yard maintenance (mowing, raking and clearing hazardous debris such as fallen branches and trees) and snow plowing to provide safe access and egress outside the home. These types of services are allowed only in cases when neither the participant nor anyone else in the household is capable of performing or financially paying for them, and where no other relative, caregiver, landlord, community or volunteer agency, or third party payer is capable of, or responsible for, their provision. In the case of rental property, the responsibility of the landlord, pursuant to the lease agreement, will be examined prior to any authorization of service.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first. The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

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Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Chore Services

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Home Care Agency

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
N/A
Certificate (specify):
N/A
Other Standard (specify):
1. Only properly licensed suppliers may provide pest control services.
2. Each waiver agency must develop working relationships with the Home Repair and Weatherization service providers, as available, in their program area to ensure effective coordination of efforts.
3. Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing as well as to follow instructions.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.
Frequency of Verification:
Annually
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Provider Category:
- Individual

Provider Type:
- Individuals chosen by the participant who meet the qualification standards

Provider Qualifications
- License (specify): N/A
- Certificate (specify): N/A
- Other Standard (specify):
  1. Providers must be at least 18 years of age, have the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing and follow instructions, be trained in universal precautions and blood-born pathogens, and be in good standing with the law as validated by a criminal history review conducted by the waiver agency.
  2. Previous relevant experience and training to meet MDHHS operating standards.
  3. Must be deemed capable of performing the required tasks by the waiver agency.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
- Entity Responsible for Verification: The contracting waiver agency.
- Frequency of Verification: Annually

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- Service Title: Community Health Worker

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- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
The Community Health Worker (CHW) works with individuals who are re-enrolling in the MI Choice Waiver, or are enrolled in the MI Choice waiver after nursing facility or hospital discharge. The CHW visits the participant at home within 3 days of hospital or facility discharge to review the discharge paperwork and any other documentation, reviews any medications received or orders that need to be filled, reminds the participant of the importance of filling the medications, and talks with the participant about the importance of following up with the physician. If needed, the CHW may make calls for medication to be filled, or to arrange for the follow-up appointment with the physician. The CHW also trains the participant about anything to be aware of and what to do if his/her condition worsens. The CHW does another follow-up visit in 30 days to determine if the participant did follow up with the physician, take the prescribed medications, and follow any other discharge recommendations.

The CHW must thoroughly document what was discussed and discovered during the contacts with the participant so the Supports Coordinator is aware of what occurred. If there are medication discrepancies, the CHW will follow up with the RN Supports Coordinator to get those issues addressed.

The CHW may also visit the individual in the hospital or nursing facility to ensure the hospital or nursing facility knows who to contact to coordinate the discharge home. The CHW ensures the hospital or nursing facility staff has the contact of the Supports Coordinator with whom the discharge should be coordinated.

If the Supports Coordinator wishes, the CHW will be in contact with the nursing facility if a participant goes from a hospital to a nursing facility for temporary rehab before returning to the Waiver. The CHW may assist with coordinating any supplies, services, etc., the participant requires at home after rehab.

The CHW service is not limited to nursing facility or hospital transitions. The service is applicable to any participant who needs it.

The CHW may also perform the duties of a supports broker. They may provide assistance throughout the planning and implementation of the service plan and individual budget (as applicable), assist the participant in making informed decisions about what works best for the participant, assist the participant to explore the availability of community services and supports, assist with access to housing and employment, and assist with making the necessary arrangements to link the participant with those identified supports. CHW services offer practical skills training to enable individuals to remain independent, including the provision of information on recruiting, hiring and managing workers, effective communication skills, and problem solving.

The CHW may also coach participants in managing health conditions, assist with scheduling appointments, facilitate coordination between various providers, and assist the participants with completion of applications for programs for which they may be eligible.

Community Health Workers must work in close collaboration with the participant’s Supports Coordinator as the Supports Coordinator has ultimate responsibility for the participant’s case.

Most of the functions of the Community Health Worker (CHW) are separate, but may seem similar. The waiver agency must ensure there is no duplication. If medication administration is provided by the CHW, it shouldn’t be provided in the same way at the same time by the Community Living Supports provider. Similarly, some functions may seem similar between the CHW and Supports Coordinator, but if the CHW is performing the duty, the supports coordinator would just be coordinating with the CHW to ensure things are done for the participant and would not duplicate the work of the CHW.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first. The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian
Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

**Service Type:** Other Service
**Service Name:** Community Health Worker

**Provider Category:**
- Agency: Organization or Entity Other Than an Individual Provider

**Provider Type:**
- Individual: Individuals

**Provider Qualifications**
- License (specify): N/A
- Certificate (specify): N/A
- Other Standard (specify): Trained in duties of the job.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**
- Entity Responsible for Verification: Contracted waiver agencies
- Frequency of Verification: Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

**Service Type:** Other Service
**Service Name:** Community Health Worker

**Provider Category:**
- Individual: Individuals

**Provider Type:**
- Individual: Individuals

**Provider Qualifications**
- License (specify): N/A
- Certificate (specify): N/A
- Other Standard (specify): Unlicensed, but trained in the duties of the job

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**
- Entity Responsible for Verification: Contracted waiver agencies
- Frequency of Verification: Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

**Service Type:**
As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:
Community Living Supports

HCBS Taxonomy:

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Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
Community Living Supports facilitate an individual’s independence and promote participation in the community. Community Living Supports can be provided in the participant’s residence or in community settings. Community Living Supports include assistance to enable program participants to accomplish tasks that they would normally do for themselves if able. The services may be provided on an episodic or a continuing basis. The participant oversees and supervises individual providers on an ongoing basis when participating in self-determination options. These services are provided only in cases when neither the participant nor anyone else in the household is capable of performing or financially paying for them, and where no other relative, caregiver, landlord, community/volunteer agency, or third party payer is capable of or responsible for their provision. When transportation incidental to the provision of community living supports is included, it must not also be authorized as a separate waiver service for the beneficiary.

Community Living Supports includes:

1. Assisting, reminding, cueing, observing, guiding and/or training in household activities, activities of daily living or routine household care and maintenance.
2. Reminding, cueing, observing and/or monitoring of medication administration.
3. Assistance, support and/or guidance with such activities as:
   a. non-medical care (not requiring nurse or physician intervention) - assistance with eating, bathing, dressing, personal hygiene, and activities of daily living;
   b. meal preparation, but does not include the cost of the meals themselves;
   c. money management;
   d. shopping for food and other necessities of daily living;
   e. social participation, relationship maintenance and building community connections to reduce personal isolation;
   f. training and/or assistance on activities that promote community participation, such as using public transportation, using libraries, or volunteer work;
   g. transportation (excluding to and from medical appointments) from the participant’s residence to community activities, among community activities, and from the community activities back to the participant’s residence;
   h. routine household cleaning and maintenance;
4. Dementia care, including but not limited to redirection, reminding, modeling, socialization activities, and activities that assist the participant as identified in the individual’s person-centered plan;
5. Staff assistance with preserving the health and safety of the individual in order that he/she may reside and be supported in the most integrated independent community setting.
6. Observing and reporting any change in the participant’s condition and the home environment to the supports coordinator.

These service needs differ in scope, nature, supervision arrangements or provider type (including provider training and
qualifications) from any services in the State Plan. The differences between the waiver coverage and the State Plan are that the provider qualifications and training requirements are more stringent for community living supports tasks as provided under the waiver than the requirements for these types of services under the State Plan.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first. The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.

Community Living Support services cannot be provided in circumstances where they would be a duplication of services available under the state plan or elsewhere. The distinction must be apparent by unique hours and units in the approved service plan.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

☑ Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
☑ Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

☐ Legally Responsible Person
☑ Relative
☐ Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications:

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Provider Category:

☑ Individual

Provider Type:

Individuals chosen by the participant who meet the qualification standards

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
N/A

Certificate (specify):
N/A

Other Standard (specify):

1. Providers must be at least 18 years of age, have ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing and follow instructions, be trained in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, be trained in universal precautions and blood-born pathogens and be in good standing with the law as validated by a criminal history review conducted by the waiver agency. Training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation can be waived if providing services for a participant who has a "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR) order. If providing transportation incidental to this service, the provider must possess a valid Michigan driver’s license.

2. Individuals providing Community Living Supports must have previous relevant experience or training and skills in housekeeping, household management, good health practices, observation, reporting, and recording information. Additionally, skills, knowledge, and experience with food preparation, safe food handling procedures, and reporting and identifying abuse and neglect are highly desirable.

3. Previous relevant experience and training to meet MDHHS operating standards. Refer to the MI Choice contract for more details.

4. Must be deemed capable of performing the required tasks by the waiver agency.

5. Trained in how to perform ventilator CPR, as applicable.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

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**Provider Category:**
Agency

**Provider Type:**
Home Care Agency

**Provider Qualifications**

License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

1. Workers must be at least 18 years of age, have the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing and follow instructions, be trained in first aid, universal precautions and blood-born pathogens, and be in good standing with the law as validated by a criminal history review.

2. A registered nurse licensed to practice nursing in Michigan must furnish supervision of Community Living Support providers. At the State’s discretion, other qualified individuals may supervise community living support workers. The direct care worker’s supervisor must be available to the worker at all times the worker is furnishing Community Living Support services.

3. The waiver agency or provider agency must train each worker to properly perform each task required for each participant the worker serves before delivering the service to that participant. The supervisor must assure that each worker can competently and confidently perform every task assigned for each participant served. MDHHS strongly recommends each worker delivering Community Living Support services complete a certified nursing assistance training course.

4. Community Living Support workers may perform higher-level, non-invasive tasks such as maintenance of catheters and feeding tubes, minor dressing changes, and wound care if the direct care worker has been individually trained and supervised by an RN for each participant who requires such care. The supervising RN must assure each workers confidence and competence in the performance of each task required.

5. Individuals providing Community Living Support services must have previous relevant experience or training and skills in housekeeping, household management, good health practices, observation, reporting, and recording information. Additionally, skills, knowledge, and/or experience with food preparation, safe food handling procedures, and reporting and identifying abuse and neglect are highly desirable.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.

Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of services and annually thereafter.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:
As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

**Service Title:**
Community Transition Services

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**Service Definition (Scope):**
Community Transition Services (CTS) are non-recurrent expenses for participants transitioning from a nursing facility to a community setting. Allowable transition costs include the following:

- Housing or security deposits: A one-time expense to secure housing or obtain a lease.
- Utility hook-ups and deposits: A one-time expense to initiate and secure utilities (television and internet are not included).
- Furniture, appliances, and moving expenses: One-time expenses necessary to occupy and safely reside in a community residence (diversion or recreational devices are not included).
- Cleaning: A one-time cleaning expense to assure a clean environment, including pest eradication, allergen control, and over-all cleaning.
- Coordination and support services: To facilitate transitioning of participant to a community setting.
- Other: Services deemed necessary and documented within the participant’s plan of service to accomplish the transition into a community setting. Costs for Community Transition Services are billable upon enrollment into the MI Choice program.

**Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**
Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first. The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.

*Community Transition Services do not include monthly rental or mortgage expense, regular utility charges, or items that are intended for purely diversional and recreational purposes. Additional limitations on the amount, frequency, or duration of services are identified in the contract between the PAHP and MDHHS.*

**Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):**

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

**Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):**

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

**Provider Specifications:**
Appendix C: Participant Services

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Community Transition Services

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Center for Independent Living

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
The contracted providers must have written policies and procedures compatible with requirements as specified in the contract between MDHHS and the waiver agencies.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.
Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of services and annually thereafter.

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Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Community Transition Services

Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Retail Stores

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):
Items purchased from retail stores must meet the Community Transition Services definition. Waiver agencies must be prudent with their purchases and may have a business account with the retail store.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.
Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

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Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Waiver Agency

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):

Certificate (specify):
N/A

Other Standard (specify):
The waiver agency or contracted providers must have written policies and procedures compatible with requirements as specified in the contract between MDHHS and the waiver agencies.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.
Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of services and annually thereafter.

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:
Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:
Community Transportation

HCBS Taxonomy:

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Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):
Community Transportation (CT) services are offered to enable waiver participants to access waiver and other community services, activities, and resources as specified in the individual plan of services.

The CT service may also be utilized for expenses related to transportation and other related travel expenses determined necessary to secure medical examinations/appointments, documentation, or treatment for participants.

Delivery services for medical items, such as medical supplies or prescriptions, should be utilized before authorizing CT services through the MI Choice program.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Waiver agencies must not use this service to authorize MI Choice funds to reimburse caregivers (paid or informal) to run errands for participants when the participant does not accompany the driver of the vehicle. The purpose of Community Transportation is for the participant to gain access to the community.

Whenever possible, family, neighbors, friends, or community agencies who can provide transportation services without charge must be utilized before MI Choice provides transportation services.

When the costs of transportation are included in the provider rate for another waiver service (e.g., Adult Day Health or Community Living Supports), there must be mechanisms to prevent duplicative billing for transportation.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Community Transportation

Provider Category:

- Individual

Provider Type:

- Individual

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Valid Michigan Driver's License

Certificate (specify):
N/A

Other Standard (specify):
1. The Secretary of State must appropriately license and inspect all drivers and vehicles used for transportation supported all or in part by MI Choice funds. The vehicle owner must have automobile insurance required by Michigan Law.

2. All drivers must be physically capable and willing to assist persons requiring help to get in and out of vehicles. Drivers must also be physically capable and willing to provide assistance to get from the pick-up location to the vehicle and from the vehicle to the drop-off location.

3. Each driver and passenger must operate in compliance with P.A. 1 of 1985 regarding seat belt usage.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Provider Category: Agency
Provider Type: Contracted provider
Provider Qualifications

License (specify): Valid Michigan Driver's License
Certificate (specify): N/A
Other Standard (specify):
1. The Secretary of State must appropriately license and inspect all drivers and vehicles used for transportation supported all or in part by MI Choice funds. The provider must have vehicle insurance required by Michigan Law.
2. All drivers must be physically capable and willing to assist persons requiring help to get in and out of vehicles. Drivers must also be physically capable and willing to provide assistance to get from the pick-up location to the vehicle and from the vehicle to the drop-off location. The provider shall offer such assistance unless expressly prohibited by either a labor contract or insurance policy.
3. The provider shall train all drivers to cope with medical emergencies, unless expressly prohibited by a labor contract or insurance policy.
4. Each driver and passenger must operate in compliance with P.A. 1 of 1985 regarding seat belt usage.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification: The contracting waiver agency.
Frequency of Verification: Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type: Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title: Counseling

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Service Definition (Scope):
Counseling services seek to improve the participant's emotional and social well-being through the resolution of personal problems or through changes in a participant's social situation.

Counseling services must be directed to participants who are experiencing emotional distress or a diminished ability to function. Family members, including children, spouses or other responsible relatives, may participate in the counseling session to address and resolve the problems experienced by the participant and to prevent future issues from arising. Counseling services are typically provided on a short-term basis to address issues such as adjusting to a disability, adjusting to community living, and maintaining or building family support for community living. Counseling services are not intended to address long-term behavioral health needs.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first. The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):
- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):
- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
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Provider Specifications:

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

| Service Type: Other Service |
| Service Name: Counseling   |

Provider Category: Individual
Provider Type: Counselor
Provider Qualifications
- License (specify):
  MCL 333.18101 ... 333.18117
- Certificate (specify):
  N/A
**Other Standard** (specify):

a. A master's or doctoral degree in social work, psychology, psychiatric nursing, or counseling or

b. A bachelor's degree in one of the above areas and be under the supervision of a mental health professional with a master's or doctoral degree.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
The contracting waiver agency.

**Frequency of Verification:**
Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.

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**Provider Qualifications**

**License** (specify):
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**Certificate** (specify):
N/A

**Other Standard** (specify):

a. A master's or doctoral degree in social work, psychology, psychiatric nursing, or counseling or

b. A bachelor's degree in one of the above areas and be under the supervision of a mental health professional with a master's or doctoral degree.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
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**Frequency of Verification:**
Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.

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**Provider Qualifications**

**License** (specify):
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**Certificate** (specify):
N/A

**Other Standard** (specify):

a. A master's or doctoral degree in social work, psychology, psychiatric nursing, or counseling or

b. A bachelor's degree in one of the above areas and be under the supervision of a mental health professional with a master's or doctoral degree.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
The contracting waiver agency.

**Frequency of Verification:**
Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.
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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:

Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:

Environmental Accessibility Adaptations

HCBS Taxonomy:

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Service Definition (Scope):

MI Choice Environmental Accessibility Adaptations Service Definition:

Environmental Accessibility Adaptations (EAA) includes physical adaptations to the home required by the participant’s plan of service that are necessary to ensure the health and welfare of the participant or that enable the participant to function with greater independence in the home, without which the participant would require institutionalization.

Adaptations may include:

- The installation of ramps and grab bars;
- Widening of doorways;
- Modification of bathroom facilities;
- Modification of kitchen facilities;
- Installation of specialized electric and plumbing systems that are necessary to accommodate the medical equipment and supplies necessary for the welfare of the participant; and
- Environmental control devices that replace the need for paid staff and increase the participant's ability to live independently, such as automatic door openers.

Assessments and specialized training needed in conjunction with the use of such environmental adaptations are included as a part of the cost of the service.

The case record must contain documented evidence that the adaptation is the most cost-effective and reasonable alternative to meet the participant’s need. An example of a reasonable alternative, based on the results of a review of all options, may include changing the purpose, use or function of a room within the home or finding alternative housing.
Environmental adaptations required to support proper functioning of medical equipment, such as electrical upgrades, are limited to the requirements for safe operation of the specified equipment and are not intended to correct existing code violations in a participant’s home.

The PAHP must assure there is a signed contract or bid proposal with the builder or contractor prior to the start of an environmental adaptation. It is the responsibility of the PAHP to work with the participant and builder or contractor to ensure the work is completed as outlined in the contract or bid proposal. All services must be provided in accordance with applicable state or local building codes.

The existing structure must have the capability to accept and support the proposed changes.

The environmental adaptation must incorporate reasonable and necessary construction standards, excluding cosmetic improvements. The adaptation cannot result in valuation of the structure significantly above comparable neighborhood real estate values.

The participant, with the direct assistance of the PAHP supports coordinator when necessary, must make a reasonable effort to access all available funding sources, such as housing commission grants, Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and community development block grants. The participant’s record must include evidence of efforts to apply for alternative funding sources and the acceptances or denials of these funding sources. The MI Choice waiver is a funding source of last resort.

Adaptations may be made to rental properties when the lease or rental agreement does not indicate the landowner is responsible for such adaptations, and the landowner agrees to the adaptation in writing. A written agreement between the landowner, the participant, and the PAHP must specify any requirements for restoration of the property to its original condition if the occupant moves.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first. The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.

Excluded are those adaptations or improvements to the home that:

• Are of general utility;
• Are considered to be standard housing obligations of the participant or homeowner; and
• Are not of direct medical or remedial benefit.

Examples of exclusions include, but are not limited to, carpeting, roof repair, sidewalks, driveways, heating, central air conditioning, garages, raised garage doors, storage and organizers, hot tubs, whirlpool tubs, swimming pools, landscaping and general home repairs.

The MI Choice waiver does not cover general construction costs in a new home or additions to a home purchased after the participant is enrolled in the waiver. If a participant or the participant’s family purchases or builds a home while receiving waiver services, it is the participant’s or family’s responsibility to assure the home will meet basic needs, such as having a ground floor bath or bedroom if the participant has mobility limitations. MI Choice waiver funds may be authorized to assist with the adaptations noted above (e.g. ramps, grab bars, widening doorways, bathroom modifications, etc.) for a home recently purchased. If modifications are needed to a home under constructions that require special adaptation to the plan (e.g. roll-in shower), the MI Choice waiver may be used to fund the difference between the standard fixture and the modification required to accommodate the participant’s need.

The infrastructure of the home involved in the funded adaptations (e.g., electrical system, plumbing, well or septic, foundation, heating and cooling, smoke detector systems, or roof) must be in compliance with any applicable local codes. Environmental adaptations must exclude costs for improvements exclusively required to meet local building codes.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

☐ Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
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Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

☐ Legally Responsible Person
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Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Environmental Accessibility Adaptations

Provider Category: Individual
Provider Type: Contracted Provider

**Provider Qualifications**

- **License (specify):**
  - MCL 339.601(1), MCL 339.601.2401, MCL 339.601.2403(3)

- **Certificate (specify):**
  - N/A

- **Other Standard (specify):**
  - Each waiver agency must develop working relationships with the weatherization, chore, and housing assistance service providers, as available in the program area to ensure effective coordination of efforts.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

- **Entity Responsible for Verification:**
  - The contracting waiver agency.

- **Frequency of Verification:**
  - Prior to service execution.

Items purchased from retail stores must meet the Environmental Accessibility Adaptation service definition. Waiver agencies must be prudent with their purchases and may have a business account with the retail store.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

- **Entity Responsible for Verification:**
  - The contracting waiver agency.

- **Frequency of Verification:**
  - Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.
Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Environmental Accessibility Adaptations

Provider Category:
Agency
Provider Type:
Contracted provider

Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
MCL 339.601(1), MCL 339.601.2401, MCL 339.601.2404(3)
Certificate (specify):
N/A
Other Standard (specify):
Each waiver agency must develop working relationships with the weatherization, chore, and housing assistance service providers, as available in the program area to ensure effective coordination of efforts.

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Frequency of Verification:
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C-1/C-3: Service Specification

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Service Type:
Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:
Home Delivered Meals

HCBS Taxonomy:

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06 Home Delivered Meals

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06010 home delivered meals

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Service Definition (Scope):
Home Delivered Meals (HDM) is the provision of one to two nutritionally sound meals per day to a participant who is unable to care for their own nutritional needs. The unit of service is one meal delivered to the participant’s home or to the participant’s selected congregate meal site that provides a minimum of one-third of the current recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for the age group as established by the Food and Nutritional Board of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences. Allowances must be made in HDMs for specialized or therapeutic diets as indicated in the participant’s service plan. A Home Delivered Meal cannot constitute a full nutritional regimen.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first. The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.

The meals authorized under this service must not constitute a full nutritional regimen.

Limitations on who can get a meal:

a. The participant must be unable to obtain food or prepare complete meals.
b. The participant does not have an adult living at the same residence or in the vicinity that is able and willing to prepare all meals.
c. The participant does not have a paid caregiver that is able and willing to prepare meals for the participant.
d. The provider can appropriately meet the participant’s special dietary needs and the meals available would not jeopardize the health of the individual.
e. The participant must be able to feed himself/herself.
f. The participant must agree to be home when meals are delivered, or contact the program when absence is unavoidable.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
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Provider Category:
Agency

Provider Type:
Home Delivered Meal Provider

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
Health Code Standards (PA 368 of 1978)

Certificate (specify):
N/A

Other Standard (specify):
1. Each home delivered meals provider must have the capacity to provide three meals per day, which together meet the Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI) and recommended dietary allowances (RDA) as established by the Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

2. Each provider must develop and have available written plans for continuing services in emergency situations such as short term natural disasters (e.g., snow or ice storms), loss of power, physical plant malfunctions, etc. The provider must train staff and volunteers on procedures to follow in the event of severe weather or natural disasters and the county emergency plan, as applicable.

3. Each provider must carry product liability insurance sufficient to cover its operation.
4. The provider must deliver food at safe temperatures as defined in Home Delivered Meals service standards. Meals that are delivered in a frozen state must include directions on how to reheat the meals to a safe temperature.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
The contracting waiver agency.

**Frequency of Verification:**
Prior to the delivery of services and annually thereafter.

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**Service Type:**
Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

**Service Title:**
Nursing Services

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

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**Service Definition (Scope):**
MI Choice Nursing Services are covered on an intermittent (separated intervals of time) basis for a participant who requires nursing services for the management of a chronic illness or physical disorder in the participant’s home and are provided by a registered nurse (RN) or a licensed practical nurse (LPN) under the direct supervision of a registered nurse (RN). MI Choice Nursing Services are for participants who require more periodic or intermittent nursing than available through the Medicaid State Plan or other payer resources for the purpose of preventive interventions to reduce the occurrence of adverse outcomes for the participant such as hospitalizations and nursing facility admissions. MI Choice Nursing Services must not duplicate services available through the Medicaid State Plan or third payer resources.

When the participant’s condition is unstable, could easily deteriorate, or when significant changes occur, MI Choice covers nurse visits for observation and evaluation. The purpose of the observation and evaluation is to monitor the participant’s condition and report findings to the participant’s physician or other appropriate health care professional to prevent additional decline, illness, or injury to the participant. The supports coordinator must communicate with both the nurse providing this service and the participant's health care professional to assure the nursing needs of the participant are being addressed.
Participants must meet at least one of the following criteria to qualify for this service:

- Be at high risk of developing skin ulcers, or have a history of resolved skin ulcers that could easily redevelop
- Require professional monitoring of vital signs when changes may indicate the need for modifications to the medication regimen
- Require professional monitoring or oversight of blood sugar levels, including participant-recorded blood sugar levels, to assist with effective pre-diabetes or diabetes management
- Require professional assessment of the participant’s cognitive status or alertness and orientation to encourage optimal cognitive status and mental function or identify the need for modifications to the medication regimen
- Require professional evaluation of the participant’s success with a prescribed exercise routine to assure its effectiveness and identify the need for additional instruction or modifications when necessary
- Require professional evaluation of the participant’s physical status to encourage optimal functioning and discourage adverse outcomes
- Have a condition that is unstable, could easily deteriorate, or experience significant changes AND a lack of competent informal supports able to readily report life-threatening changes to the participant’s physician or other health care professional

Other Services

In addition to the observation and evaluation, a nursing visit may also include, but is not limited to, one or more of the following nursing services:

- Administering prescribed medications that cannot be self-administered (as defined under Michigan Complied Law (MCL) 333.7103(1))
- Setting up medications according to physician orders
- Monitoring participant adherence to their medication regimen
- Applying dressings that require prescribed medications and aseptic techniques
- Providing refresher training to the participant or informal caregivers to assure the use of proper techniques for health-related tasks such as diet, exercise regimens, body positioning, taking medications according to physician’s orders, proper use of medical equipment, performing activities of daily living, or safe ambulation within the home

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first. The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.

This service is limited to no more than two hours per visit. Participants receiving Private Duty Nursing services are not eligible to receive MI Choice Nursing Services.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

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Provider Category:

- Agency

Provider Type:

- Home Care Agency

Provider Qualifications

- License (specify):
  - Nursing MCL 333.17201-17242
1. All nurses providing nursing services to MI Choice participants must meet licensure requirements and practice the standards found under MCL 333.17201-17242, and maintain a current State of Michigan nursing license.

2. Each direct service provider must have written policies and procedures compatible with the “General Operating Standards for Waiver Agents and Contracted Direct Service Providers,” and minimally, Section A of the “General Operating Standards for MI Choice Waiver Providers.”

3. Services paid for with MI Choice funds must not duplicate nor replace services available through the Michigan Medicaid state plan. Waiver agencies and direct service providers can find state plan coverage online in the Medicaid Provider Manual.

4. This service may include medication administration as defined under the referenced statutes.

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**

**Entity Responsible for Verification:**
The contracting waiver agency

**Frequency of Verification:**
Prior to delivery of services and annually thereafter.

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**Service Type:**

- Other Service

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**Service Title:**

Personal Emergency Response System

**HCBS Taxonomy:**

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**Service Definition (Scope):**
A Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) is an electronic device that enables a participant to summon help in an emergency. The participant may also wear a portable "help" button to allow for mobility. The system is often connected to the participant’s phone and programmed to signal a response center once a “help” button is activated. Installation, upkeep and maintenance of devices and systems are also provided. PERS does not cover monthly telephone charges associated with phone service.

The provider may offer this service for cellular or mobile phones and devices. The device must meet industry standards. The participant must reside in an area where the cellular or mobile coverage is reliable. When the participant uses the device to signal and otherwise communicate with the PERS provider, the technology for the response system must meet all other service standards.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first. The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.

PERS does not cover monthly telephone charges associated with phone service.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- [ ] Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- [X] Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

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Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Personal Emergency Response System

Provider Category:

Provider Type:
PERS Provider

Provider Qualifications

License (specify):
N/A

Certificate (specify):
N/A

Other Standard (specify):
1. The Federal Communication Commission must approve the equipment used for the response system. The equipment must meet UL® safety standards 1637 specifications for Home Health Signaling Equipment.

2. The provider must staff the response center with trained personnel 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. The response center will provide accommodations for persons with limited English proficiency.

3. The response center must maintain the monitoring capacity to respond to all incoming emergency signals.

4. The response center must have the ability to accept multiple signals simultaneously. The response center must not disconnect calls for a return call or put in a first call, first serve basis.

Verification of Provider Qualifications

Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.

Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.
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**Service Type:**

![Other Service](https://wms-mmdl.cms.gov/WMS/faces/protected/35/print/PrintSelector.jsp)

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

**Service Title:**

Private Duty Nursing/Respiratory Care

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**Service Definition (Scope):**

Private Duty Nursing (PDN) services are skilled nursing interventions provided to a participant age 21 and older on an individual and continuous basis to meet health needs directly related to the participant’s physical disorder. PDN includes the provision of nursing assessment, treatment and observation provided by licensed nurses within the scope of the State’s Nurse Practice Act, consistent with physician’s orders and in accordance with the participant’s plan of service.

This service also includes Respiratory Care (RC) for participants who are ventilator dependent. The RC service includes provision of respiratory and ventilator assessment, treatment and observation by a licensed Respiratory Therapist.

To be eligible for PDN or RC services, the waiver agency must find the participant meets either Medical Criteria I or Medical Criteria II, and Medical Criteria III. Regardless of whether the participant meets Medical Criteria I or II, the participant must also meet Medical Criteria III.

The participant’s plan of service must provide reasonable assurance of participant safety. This includes a strategy for effective back-up in the event of an absence of providers. The back-up strategy must include informal supports or the participant’s capacity to manage his or her care and summon assistance.

PDN and RC for a participant between the ages of 18-21 is covered under the Medicaid State Plan.

Medical Criteria I – The participant is dependent daily on technology-based medical equipment to sustain life. "Dependent daily on technology-based medical equipment" means:

- Mechanical rate-dependent ventilation (four or more hours per day), or assisted rate-dependent respiration (e.g., some models of Bi-PAP); or
• Deep oral (past the tonsils) or tracheostomy suctioning eight or more times in a 24-hour period; or

• Nasogastric tube feedings or medications when removal and insertion of the nasogastric tube is required, associated with complex medical problems or medical fragility; or

• Total parenteral nutrition delivered via a central line, associated with complex medical problems or medical fragility; or

• Continuous oxygen administration (eight or more hours per day), in combination with a pulse oximeter and a documented need for skilled nursing assessment, judgment, and intervention in the rate of oxygen administration. This would not be met if oxygen adjustment is done only according to a written protocol with no skilled assessment, judgment or intervention required. Continuous use of oxygen therapy is a covered Medicaid benefit for beneficiaries age 21 and older when tested at rest while breathing room air and the oxygen saturation rate is 88 percent or below, or the P02 level is 55 mm Hg or below.

Medical Criteria II – Frequent episodes of medical instability within the past three to six months, requiring skilled nursing assessments, judgments, or interventions (as described in III below) as a result of a substantiated medical condition directly related to the physical disorder.

Definitions:
• "Frequent" means at least 12 episodes of medical instability related to the progressively debilitating physical disorder within the past six months, or at least six episodes of medical instability related to the progressively debilitating physical disorder within the past three months.

• "Medical instability" means emergency medical treatment in a hospital emergency room or inpatient hospitalization related to the underlying progressively debilitating physical disorder.

• "Emergency medical treatment" means covered inpatient and outpatient services that are furnished by a provider that is qualified to furnish such services and are needed to evaluate or stabilize an emergency medical condition.

• "Emergency medical condition" means a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention would result in placing the health of the individual in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions, or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

• "Directly related to the physical disorder" means an illness, diagnosis, physical impairment, or syndrome that is likely to continue indefinitely, and results in significant functional limitations in 3 or more activities of daily living.

• "Substantiated" means documented in the clinical or medical record, including the nursing notes.

Medical Criteria III – The participant requires continuous skilled nursing care on a daily basis during the time when a licensed nurse is paid to provide services.

Definitions:
• "Continuous" means at least once every 3 hours throughout a 24-hour period, and when delayed interventions may result in further deterioration of health status, in loss of function or death, in acceleration of the chronic condition, or in a preventable acute episode.

• Equipment needs alone do not create the need for skilled nursing services.

• "Skilled nursing" means assessments, judgments, interventions, and evaluations of interventions requiring the education, training, and experience of a licensed nurse. Skilled nursing care includes, but is not limited to:

  o Performing assessments to determine the basis for acting or a need for action, and documentation to support the frequency and scope of those decisions or actions;

  o Managing mechanical rate-dependent ventilation or assisted rate-dependent respiration (e.g., some models of Bi-PAP) that is required by the beneficiary four or more hours per day;

  o Deep oral (past the tonsils) or tracheostomy suctioning;

  o Injections when there is a regular or predicted schedule, or prn injections that are required at least once per month (insulin administration is not considered a skilled nursing intervention);

  o Nasogastric tube feedings or medications when removal and insertion of the nasogastric tube is required, associated with complex medical problems or medical fragility;
Total parenteral nutrition delivered via a central line and care of the central line;

Continuous oxygen administration (eight or more hours per day), in combination with a pulse oximeter, and a documented need for adjustments in the rate of oxygen administration requiring skilled nursing assessments, judgments and interventions. This would not be met if oxygen adjustment is done only according to a written protocol with no skilled assessment, judgment or intervention required. Continuous use of oxygen therapy is a covered Medicaid benefit for beneficiaries age 21 and older when tested at rest while breathing room air and the oxygen saturation rate is 88 percent or below, or the PO2 level is 55 mm Hg or below;

Monitoring fluid and electrolyte balances where imbalances may occur rapidly due to complex medical problems or medical fragility. Monitoring by a skilled nurse would include maintaining strict intake and output, monitoring skin for edema or dehydration, and watching for cardiac and respiratory signs and symptoms. Taking routine blood pressure and pulse once per shift that does not require any skilled assessment, judgment or intervention at least once every three hours during a 24-hour period, as documented in the nursing notes, would not be considered skilled nursing.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:
- Participants receiving MI Choice Nursing Services are not eligible to receive Private Duty Nursing/Respiratory Care (PDN/RC) services.
- Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first.
- The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.
- PDN/RC is limited to persons aged 21 or older. PDN/RC is a Medicaid State Plan benefit for persons under the age of 21 who qualify for the service.
- It is not the intent of the MI Choice program to provide PDN/RC services on a continual 24 hours per day, 7 days per week basis. MI Choice services are intended to supplement informal support services available to the participant. Only under extreme circumstances should 24/7 PDN/RC be authorized for a participant. These circumstances must be clearly described in the participant’s case record and approved by MDHHS.
- 24/7 PDN/RC services cannot be authorized for persons who cannot direct their own services and supports, make informed decisions for themselves, or engage their emergency back-up plan without assistance. These persons must have informal caregivers actively involved in providing some level of direct services to the participant on a routine basis.
- All PDN/RC services authorized must be medically necessary as indicated through the MI Choice assessment and meet the medical criteria set forth in this application.

The participant’s physician, physician’s assistant, or nurse practitioner must order PDN/RC services and work in conjunction with the waiver agency and provider agency to assure services are delivered according to that order.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):
- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):
- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications:

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Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Private Duty Nursing/Respiratory Care

Provider Category:

Provider Type: Home Care Agency, Nurse

Provider Qualifications:

License (specify):
Nursing MCL 333.17201 - 333.17242

Certificate (specify):
N/A

Other Standard (specify):
1. All nurses providing private duty nursing to MI Choice participants must meet licensure requirements and practice the standards found under MCL 333.17201-17242, and maintain a current State of Michigan nursing license. If the nurse is an LPN, they need to demonstrate how an RN provides supervision.

2. Services paid for with MI Choice funds must not duplicate nor replace services available through the Michigan Medicaid state plan. Waiver agencies and direct service providers can find state plan coverage online in the Medicaid Provider Manual.

3. This service may include medication administration as defined under the referenced statutes.

Verification of Provider Qualifications:

Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.

Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of services and annually thereafter.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Private Duty Nursing/Respiratory Care

Provider Category: Individual

Provider Type: Nurse

Provider Qualifications:

License (specify):
Nursing MCL 333.17201 - 333.17242

Certificate (specify):
N/A

Other Standard (specify):
1. All nurses providing private duty nursing to MI Choice participants must meet licensure requirements and practice the standards found under MCL 333.17201-17242, and maintain a current State of Michigan nursing license. If the nurse is an LPN, they need to demonstrate how an RN provides supervision.

2. Services paid for with MI Choice funds must not duplicate nor replace services available through the Michigan Medicaid state plan. Waiver agencies and direct service providers can find state plan coverage online in the Medicaid Provider Manual.

3. This service may include medication administration as defined under the referenced statutes.

Verification of Provider Qualifications:

Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.

Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of services and annually thereafter.
Service Name: Private Duty Nursing/Respiratory Care

Provider Category: Individual

Provider Type: Respiratory Therapist

Provider Qualifications
- **License (specify):** State of Michigan Respiratory Therapist license under MCL 333.18701-333.18713
- **Certificate (specify):** N/A
- **Other Standard (specify):**
  1. All Respiratory Therapist providing Respiratory Care to MI Choice participants must meet licensure requirements and practice the standards found under MCL 333.18701-333.18713, and maintain a current State of Michigan Respiratory Therapist license.
  2. Services paid for with MI Choice funds shall not duplicate nor replace services available through the Michigan Medicaid State Plan. Waiver agencies and direct service providers can find State Plan coverage online in the Medicaid Provider Manual at www.michigan.gov/mdch.
  3. This service may include medication administration as defined under the referenced statutes.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
- **Entity Responsible for Verification:** The contracting waiver agency.
- **Frequency of Verification:** Prior to delivery of services and annually thereafter.

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

Provider Category: Agency

Provider Type: Home Care Agency, Respiratory Therapist

Provider Qualifications
- **License (specify):** State of Michigan Respiratory Therapist license under MCL 333.18701-333.18713
- **Certificate (specify):** N/A
- **Other Standard (specify):**
  1. All Respiratory Therapist providing Respiratory Care to MI Choice participants must meet licensure requirements and practice the standards found under MCL 333.18701-333.18713, and maintain a current State of Michigan Respiratory Therapist license.
  2. Services paid for with MI Choice funds shall not duplicate nor replace services available through the Michigan Medicaid State Plan. Waiver agencies and direct service providers can find State Plan coverage online in the Medicaid Provider Manual at www.michigan.gov/mdch.
  3. This service may include medication administration as defined under the referenced statutes.

Verification of Provider Qualifications
- **Entity Responsible for Verification:** The contracting waiver agency.
- **Frequency of Verification:** Prior to delivery of services and annually thereafter.

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C-1/C-3: Service Specification
State laws, regulations and policies referenced in the specification are readily available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Service Type:

Other Service

As provided in 42 CFR §440.180(b)(9), the State requests the authority to provide the following additional service not specified in statute.

Service Title:

Training

HCBS Taxonomy:

Category 1:

Sub-Category 1:

13 Participant Training

13010 participant training

Category 2:

Sub-Category 2:

12 Services Supporting Self-Direction

12020 information and assistance in support of self-direction

Category 3:

Sub-Category 3:


Category 4:

Sub-Category 4:


Complete this part for a renewal application or a new waiver that replaces an existing waiver. Select one:

- Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition (Scope):

Training services consist of instruction provided to a MI Choice participant or caregiver(s) in either a one-to-one situation or a group basis to teach a variety of independent living skills, including the use of specialized or adaptive equipment or medically-related procedures required to maintain the participant in a community-based setting. The training needs must be identified in the comprehensive assessment or in a professional evaluation and included in the participant’s plan of service. Training is covered for areas such as activities of daily living, adjustment to home or community living, adjustment to mobility impairment, adjustment to serious impairment, management of personal care needs, the development of skills to deal with service providers and attendants, and effective use of adaptive equipment. For participants self-directing services, Training services may also include the training of independent supports brokers, developing and managing individual budgets, staff hiring, training, and supervision, or other areas related to self-direction.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

Where applicable, the participant must use Medicaid state plan, Medicare, or other available payers first. The participant’s preference for a certain provider or agency is not grounds for declining another payer in order to access waiver services.

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies):

- Participant-directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check each that applies):

- Legally Responsible Person
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- Legal Guardian

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

**Service Type:** Other Service  
**Service Name:** Training

**Provider Category:** Individual  
**Provider Type:** Occupational Therapist

**Provider Qualifications**
- **License (specify):** MCL 333.18301 ... 333.18311
- **Certificate (specify):** N/A
- **Other Standard (specify):**
  1. Direct service providers must possess credentials required by Michigan laws or federal regulations, including: MCL 333.18301 ... 333.18311 (Occupational Therapist).

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**
- **Entity Responsible for Verification:** The contracting waiver agency.  
- **Frequency of Verification:** Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.

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C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service

**Service Type:** Other Service  
**Service Name:** Training

**Provider Category:** Individual  
**Provider Type:** Physical Therapist

**Provider Qualifications**
- **License (specify):** MCL 333.17801 ... 333.17831
- **Certificate (specify):** N/A
- **Other Standard (specify):**
  1. Direct service providers must possess credentials required by Michigan laws or federal regulations, including: MCL 333.17801 ... 333.17831 (Physical Therapist).

**Verification of Provider Qualifications**
- **Entity Responsible for Verification:** The contracting waiver agency.  
- **Frequency of Verification:** Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.
Provider Category:
Individual
Provider Type:
Social Worker
Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
MCL 333.18501 ... 333.18518
Certificate (specify):
N/A
Other Standard (specify):
1. Direct service providers must possess credentials required by Michigan laws or federal regulations, including:
MCL 333.18501 ... 333.18518 (social work).

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.
Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service
Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Training
Provider Category:
Individual
Provider Type:
Registered Nurse
Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
MCL 333.17201 ... 333.17242
Certificate (specify):
N/A
Other Standard (specify):
1. Direct service providers must possess credentials required by Michigan laws or federal regulations, including:
MCL 333.17201 ... 333.17242 (nursing).

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
The contracting waiver agency.
Frequency of Verification:
Prior to delivery of service and annually thereafter.

Appendix C: Participant Services
C-1/C-3: Provider Specifications for Service
Service Type: Other Service
Service Name: Training
Provider Category:
Agency
Provider Type:
Home Care Agency
Provider Qualifications
License (specify):
MCL 333.17201 ... MCL 333.17242 (Nursing), MCL 133.17801 ... MCL 333.17831 (Physical Therapy), MCL 333.18301 ... MCL 333.18311 (Occupational Therapists), MCL 333.18501 ... MCL 333.18518 (Social Work)
Certificate (specify):
N/A
Other Standard (specify):
N/A

Verification of Provider Qualifications
Entity Responsible for Verification:
Appendix C: Participant Services

C-1: Summary of Services Covered (2 of 2)

b. Provision of Case Management Services to Waiver Participants. Indicate how case management is furnished to waiver participants (select one):
- Not applicable - Case management is not furnished as a distinct activity to waiver participants.
- Applicable - Case management is furnished as a distinct activity to waiver participants.

Check each that applies:
- As a waiver service defined in Appendix C-3. Do not complete item C-1-c.
- As a Medicaid State plan service under §1915(i) of the Act (HCBS as a State Plan Option). Complete item C-1-c.
- As a Medicaid State plan service under §1915(g)(1) of the Act (Targeted Case Management). Complete item C-1-c.
- As an administrative activity. Complete item C-1-c.

c. Delivery of Case Management Services. Specify the entity or entities that conduct case management functions on behalf of waiver participants:

Appendix C: Participant Services

C-2: General Service Specifications (1 of 3)

a. Criminal History and/or Background Investigations. Specify the State's policies concerning the conduct of criminal history and/or background investigations of individuals who provide waiver services (select one):
- No. Criminal history and/or background investigations are not required.
- Yes. Criminal history and/or background investigations are required.

Specify: (a) the types of positions (e.g., personal assistants, attendants) for which such investigations must be conducted; (b) the scope of such investigations (e.g., state, national); and, (c) the process for ensuring that mandatory investigations have been conducted. State laws, regulations and policies referenced in this description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid or the operating agency (if applicable):

Each waiver agency and direct provider of home-based services must conduct a criminal history review through the Michigan State Police for each paid or volunteer staff person who will be entering participant homes. The waiver agency and direct provider must conduct the reference and criminal history reviews before authorizing the employee to furnish services in a participant’s home.

The scope of the investigation is statewide, conducted by the Michigan State Police.

Both waiver agency and MDHHS conduct administrative monitoring reviews of providers annually to verify that mandatory criminal history reviews have been conducted in compliance with operating standards.

b. Abuse Registry Screening. Specify whether the State requires the screening of individuals who provide waiver services through a State-maintained abuse registry (select one):
- No. The State does not conduct abuse registry screening.
- Yes. The State maintains an abuse registry and requires the screening of individuals through this registry.

Specify: (a) the entity (entities) responsible for maintaining the abuse registry; (b) the types of positions for which abuse registry screenings must be conducted; and, (c) the process for ensuring that mandatory screenings have been conducted. State laws, regulations and policies referenced in this description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable):
Appendix C: Participant Services
C-2: General Service Specifications (2 of 3)

c. Services in Facilities Subject to §1616(e) of the Social Security Act. Select one:

- No. Home and community-based services under this waiver are not provided in facilities subject to §1616(e) of the Act.

- Yes. Home and community-based services are provided in facilities subject to §1616(e) of the Act. The standards that apply to each type of facility where waiver services are provided are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

i. Types of Facilities Subject to §1616(e). Complete the following table for each type of facility subject to §1616(e) of the Act:

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ii. Larger Facilities: In the case of residential facilities subject to §1616(e) that serve four or more individuals unrelated to the proprietor, describe how a home and community character is maintained in these settings.

The State of Michigan licenses five types of Adult Foster Care (AFC) homes that are used in MI Choice. Capacity limit for Family Homes are 1 - 6; Small Group Homes are 1-12; Medium Group Homes are 7-12; Large Group Homes are 13-20; and Congregate Homes are larger than 21 residents. Michigan is phasing out the licensing of Congregate Homes, but existing homes continue to operate.

Homes For The Aged (HFA) are supervised personal care facilities (other than a hotel, adult foster care facility, hospital, nursing facility, or county medical care facility) that provide room, board, and supervised personal care to unrelated, nontransient individuals 60 years of age or older. Each HFA is licensed for a specific number and cannot exceed that capacity. If an HFA is connected to a nursing facility, it can only be licensed for 20 or fewer individuals. If it is not connected to a nursing facility, an HFA can be licensed for 21 or more individuals.

Home-like characteristics are maintained in these settings supported by the licensing criteria that have been established for this purpose. These criteria for AFC homes are found in Section 9 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, and Section 10 and 13 of Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1979, as amended. Family Home rules are referenced under MCL rules 400.1401 - 400.1442 and 400.2201 - 400.2261; Small and Medium Group Homes are under MCL 400.1401 - 400.1442 and 400.14101 - 14601; Large Group Homes are under MCL 400.15101 - 400.15411; and Congregate Homes are under MCL 400.2101 - 400.2122, 400.2401 - 400.2475, and 400.2501 - 400.2567. HFA's are established under Act No. 368 of 1978 as amended, sections MCL 333.21301 - 333.21335.

These rules address licensee responsibilities to residents' rights, physical environmental specifications and maintenance.

The licensing criteria reflect an attempt to make staying in an AFC much like it would be in a home. The rules address such issues as opportunities for the growth and development of a resident; participation in everyday living activities (including participation in shopping and cooking, as desired); involvement in education, employment; developing social skills; contact with friends and relatives; participation in community based activities; privacy and leisure time; religious education and attendance at religious services; availability of transportation; the right to exercise constitutional rights; the right to send and receive uncensored and unopened mail; reasonable access to telephone usage for private communication; the right to have private communications; participation in activities and community groups at the individual's own discretion; the right to refuse treatment services; the right to relocate to another living situation; the right to be treated with consideration and respect; recognition of personal dignity, individuality; the need for privacy; right to access own room at own discretion; protections from mistreatment; access to health care; opportunity for daily bathing; three regular nutritious meals daily; the right to be as independent as the individual may so choose; right to a clean and sanitary environment; adequate personal living space exclusive of common areas; adequate bathroom and facilities for the number of occupants; standard home-like furnishings; and the right to make own decisions.

All AFCs and HFAs have full kitchens, and snacks and beverages must be available to all residents. Michigan requires that residents be allowed privacy for visitations.
Appendix C: Participant Services

C-2: Facility Specifications

Facility Type:

Home For the Aged

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Facility Capacity Limit:

100+

Scope of Facility Standards. For this facility type, please specify whether the State's standards address the following topics (check each that applies):

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Facility Type:
Long Term Care Facility

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Facility Capacity Limit:
Any number of beds

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Facility Type:
Adult Foster Care Home

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### Appendix C: Participant Services

#### C-2: General Service Specifications (3 of 3)

**d. Provision of Personal Care or Similar Services by Legally Responsible Individuals.** A legally responsible individual is any person who has a duty under State law to care for another person and typically includes: (a) the parent (biological or adoptive) of a minor child or the guardian of a minor child who must provide care to the child or (b) a spouse of a waiver participant. Except at the option of the State and under extraordinary circumstances specified by the State, payment may not be made to a legally responsible individual for the provision of personal care or similar services that the legally responsible individual would ordinarily perform or be responsible to perform on behalf of a waiver participant. **Select one:**

- **No.** The State does not make payment to legally responsible individuals for furnishing personal care or similar services.
- **Yes.** The State makes payment to legally responsible individuals for furnishing personal care or similar services when they are qualified to provide the services.

Specify: (a) the legally responsible individuals who may be paid to furnish such services and the services they may provide; (b) State policies that specify the circumstances when payment may be authorized for the provision of *extraordinary care* by a legally responsible individual and how the State ensures that the provision of services by a legally responsible individual is in the best interest of the participant; and, (c) the controls that are employed to ensure that payments are made only for services rendered. Also, specify in Appendix C-1/C-3 the personal care or similar services for which payment may be made to legally responsible individuals under the State policies specified here.

- **Self-directed**
- **Agency-operated**

**e. Other State Policies Concerning Payment for Waiver Services Furnished by Relatives/Legal Guardians.** Specify State policies concerning making payment to relatives/legal guardians for the provision of waiver services over and above the policies addressed in Item C-2-d. **Select one:**

- **The State does not make payment to relatives/legal guardians for furnishing waiver services.**
- **The State makes payment to relatives/legal guardians under specific circumstances and only when the relative/guardian is qualified to furnish services.**

Specify the specific circumstances under which payment is made, the types of relatives/legal guardians to whom payment may be made, and the services for which payment may be made. Specify the controls that are employed to ensure that payments are made only for services rendered. Also, specify in Appendix C-1/C-3 each waiver service for which payment may be made to relatives/legal guardians.
Relatives/legal guardians may be paid for providing waiver services whenever the relative/legal guardian is qualified to provide services as specified in Appendix C-1/C-3.

Specify the controls that are employed to ensure that payments are made only for services rendered.

Legal guardians or other legally responsible individuals cannot also be the worker through self-determination.

Other policy.

Specify:

f. Open Enrollment of Providers. Specify the processes that are employed to assure that all willing and qualified providers have the opportunity to enroll as waiver service providers as provided in 42 CFR §431.51:

Waiver agencies are responsible for securing qualified service providers to deliver services. Eligible provider applicants include public, private non-profit, or for-profit organizations that provide services meeting established service standards, certifications and licensure requirements.

The waiver agency mails service provider application packages to potential service providers as requested. Provider applicants complete and submit agreement and assurance forms to the waiver agency. The waiver agency reviews all applicant requests to determine that providers are qualified to provide requested MI Choice service(s) prior to the provision of services and supports. There are no limits on the number of qualified service providers with which a waiver agency may contract, if all the standards, certifications and licensure requirements have been met.

After service provider qualifications are reviewed and verified by the waiver agency, the waiver agency enrolls the provider as a Medicaid provider using a contractual agreement and the Medicaid Provider Enrollment agreement. The Medicaid agency delegates the waiver agency to maintain signed and executed contractual agreements on file.

MDHHS reviews new provider bid packets, contracting processes, provider monitoring, provider network lists, and policies and procedures related to providers to ensure that sufficient and qualified providers are available to serve participants.

Appendix C: Participant Services

Quality Improvement: Qualified Providers

As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Qualified Providers

The state demonstrates that it has designed and implemented an adequate system for assuring that all waiver services are provided by qualified providers.

i. Sub-Assurances:

a. Sub-Assurance: The State verifies that providers initially and continually meet required licensure and/or certification standards and adhere to other standards prior to their furnishing waiver services.

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance, complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:

Number and percent of providers continuing to meet applicable licensure & certification standards in accordance with state law following initial enrollment. Numerator: Number of providers continuing to meet applicable licensure & certification standards following initial enrollment. Denominator: All providers.
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c. **Sub-Assurance:** The State implements its policies and procedures for verifying that provider training is conducted in accordance with state requirements and the approved waiver.

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**ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.**

Waiver agencies enter into annual contracts with qualified providers. During the contract negotiation, waiver agencies review provider documents to assure the provider initially meets provider qualification and training requirements for the delivery of MI Choice services and confirm providers have active licenses and certification (all licensing information is available online). MDHHS approves the contracting process used by each waiver agency. MDHHS reviews and approves the bid packet used by each waiver agency. MDHHS reviews each agency’s policies and procedures and contractor files (including bid packets, original applications and contracts) during the Administrative Quality Assurance Review (AQAR).

MDHHS reviews initial and annual provider monitoring reports submitted by waiver agencies to determine compliance with provider licensure and certification standards. MDHHS can request waiver agencies take action with their providers if they are concerned about their performance or interaction with participants. These actions can include required corrective action plans, additional provider monitoring or suspension or termination.

Waiver agencies send their provider network lists and updates to MDHHS. MDHHS reviews these to ensure enough providers are available to meet the needs of the population served. Provider lists and files are also reviewed during the biennial AQAR.

Waiver agency staff reviews each provider file and documentation annually at the time of contract renewals. The providers must assure that they have the capacity to meet the performance standards of the services with qualified, trained and supervised employees. The providers' contractual responsibilities include conducting reference and criminal history reviews, reporting critical incidents, submitting accurate bills, maintaining accurate documentation and maintaining emergency response plans.

In addition, waiver agency staff conducts on-site monitoring reviews for a minimum of 20% of enrolled providers of recurrent services annually. Monitoring reviews use a template developed by MDHHS and includes compliance with MDHHS standards, delivery of services according to the participant's plan of service, adequate staff supervision and training, and adequate participant case record documentation to support provider claims. Waiver agency staff evaluate providers of non-recurrent services at least once every two years to ensure compliance with MDHHS standards, delivery of services according to plans of service, and adequate participant case record documentation to support provider claims. Waiver agencies also conduct home visits that confirm that providers furnish services according to the person-centered service plan and participant preferences and determine participant satisfaction with those services. Waiver agencies send all provider monitoring reports to MDHHS within 30 days of completion of the monitoring process.

### Additional Oversight

Description of administrative oversight exercised by MDHHS over the waiver agencies in order to assure that:

**i. Providers meet provider qualifications and training requirements; and**

MDHHS reviews and approves all contract templates prior to the waiver agency using them, which includes information about required qualifications and training. MDHHS reviews provider monitoring reports as they are submitted by the waiver agencies. MDHHS also reviews provider files, including the waiver agency bid packets, original applications and contracts and all provider related policies and procedures during the biennial AQAR.

**ii. Waiver agencies maintain a sufficient network of providers**

MDHHS reviews annual provider network lists and any updates submitted by the waiver agencies to ensure enough providers are available to meet the needs of the population served. Provider lists and files are also reviewed during the biennial AQAR.

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**b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems**
i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

Waiver agencies work with providers to meet MI Choice service standards and become qualified providers. If at any time the provider agency no longer meets requirements, the waiver agencies notify the provider of non-compliance and provide an opportunity for improvement and may need to recover all Medicaid payments made for the services rendered during the period of provider ineligibility. If after working with the waiver agency the provider still does not meet required standards, the waiver agency must first find alternate providers for any participants currently being served by the provider not meeting standards. Then the waiver agency will end their contract with the provider until they can provide proof of meeting standards. The waiver agency will need to recover all Medicaid payments made for the services rendered during the period of ineligibility. If the provider does not make the necessary improvements, the waiver agency terminates its contract with the provider and works with participants to find a new provider of service.

Providers also have requirements related to training. If it is discovered a provider is not meeting training requirements, the provider must make up those trainings within 30 days to continue providing services. Depending on the type of training needed, the provider may need to stop providing services until training can be secured. In this case, all participants affected must be assigned to different providers who can meet their needs.

Waiver agencies are required to conduct an in-depth monitoring of a sample of their providers annually. Within 30 days following completion of the review written findings and corrective action requirements are sent from the waiver agency to the provider. The waiver agency also sends all provider monitoring reports to MDHHS within 30 days of completion of the monitoring process.

When results of the initial monitoring indicate any irregularities, the waiver agency must conduct further review of provider case records. Waiver agency staff may opt to conduct a complete audit of all case records. Following a second review, a written report of the findings is prepared with appropriate corrective actions and is sent to the provider and MDHHS within 30 working days following completion of the review. Waiver agency staff must schedule a follow-up review within a three (3) to six (6) month timeframe for providers deficient in any part of the review to assure that the provider initiates corrective action.

If during the review of these written reports MDHHS has outstanding concerns, MDHHS can ask for additional documentation, reports, meetings, or may conduct site visits to assure issues are addressed. If necessary, depending on the provider’s deficiency, the waiver agency may suspend new referrals to the provider agency or transfer participants to another provider, adjust provider billings, or suspend or terminate the provider until the waiver agency can verify that the provider corrected deficiencies and changed procedural practices as required.

If a waiver agency has concerns or takes actions against a provider that may serve other waiver agencies, they contact the other waiver agencies to notify them of problems with the provider. MDHHS also reviews provider monitoring reports when submitted and during AQAR then notifies other waiver agencies if issues are identified. (See more detail on the AQAR in Appendix I)

MDHHS ensures that waiver agencies are appropriately remediating issues with qualified providers using the following procedures:

Written findings and corrective action requirements (as necessary) are sent from the waiver agency to the provider within 30 days following completion of the provider review. The waiver agency also must send all provider monitoring reports to MDHHS within 30 days of completion of the monitoring process. The written review includes citations of both positive findings and areas needing corrective action.

If during the review of these written reports MDHHS has outstanding concerns, MDHHS can ask for additional documentation, reports, meetings or may conduct site visits to assure issues are addressed.

MDHHS requires waiver agencies to submit the results of additional monitoring to MDHHS upon completion. MDHHS reviews this additional follow-up and contacts the agency if additional questions or concerns remain. MDHHS confirms waiver agency follow-up during annual CQARs and biennial AQARs.

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ii. Remediation Data Aggregation

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Appendix C: Participant Services

C-3: Waiver Services Specifications

Section C-3 'Service Specifications' is incorporated into Section C-1 'Waiver Services.'

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C-4: Additional Limits on Amount of Waiver Services

a. Additional Limits on Amount of Waiver Services. Indicate whether the waiver employs any of the following additional limits on the amount of waiver services (select one).

- Not applicable: The State does not impose a limit on the amount of waiver services except as provided in Appendix C-3.
- Applicable: The State imposes additional limits on the amount of waiver services.

When a limit is employed, specify: (a) the waiver services to which the limit applies; (b) the basis of the limit, including its basis in historical expenditure/utilization patterns and, as applicable, the processes and methodologies that are used to determine the amount of the limit to which a participant's services are subject; (c) how the limit will be adjusted over the course of the waiver period; (d) provisions for adjusting or making exceptions to the limit based on participant health and welfare needs or other factors specified by the state; (e) the safeguards that are in effect when the amount of the limit is insufficient to meet a participant's needs; (f) how participants are notified of the amount of the limit. (check each that applies)

- Limit(s) on Set(s) of Services. There is a limit on the maximum dollar amount of waiver services that is authorized for one or more sets of services offered under the waiver.
  
  Furnish the information specified above.

- Prospective Individual Budget Amount. There is a limit on the maximum dollar amount of waiver services authorized for each specific participant.
  
  Furnish the information specified above.
Budget Limits by Level of Support. Based on an assessment process and/or other factors, participants are assigned to funding levels that are limits on the maximum dollar amount of waiver services. 

Furnish the information specified above.

Other Type of Limit. The State employs another type of limit. 

Describe the limit and furnish the information specified above.

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C-5: Home and Community-Based Settings

Explain how residential and non-residential settings in this waiver comply with federal HCB Settings requirements at 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)-(5) and associated CMS guidance. Include:

1. Description of the settings and how they meet federal HCB Settings requirements, at the time of submission and in the future.

2. Description of the means by which the state Medicaid agency ascertains that all waiver settings meet federal HCB Setting requirements, at the time of this submission and ongoing.

*Note instructions at Module 1, Attachment #2, HCB Settings Waiver Transition Plan for description of settings that do not meet requirements at the time of submission. Do not duplicate that information here.*

1. MI Choice participants who reside in their own home or in the home of their relative (non-provider controlled) and receive home and community-based services comply with the federal HCB Settings requirements. These settings allow the participants to be in control of their life and be fully integrated in the community.

2. MDHHS will use an HCB Settings assessment tool, developed using guidance from CMS and stakeholders, to determine adherence to the requirements. Waiver agencies are required to use this tool, in conjunction with the Provider Monitoring Tool (in the MI Choice contract, Attachment J) to assess residential and non-residential MI Choice providers to ascertain that they meet federal HCB Setting requirements prior to service provision. Waiver agencies must continue to use the HCB Settings assessment tool as part of their provider monitoring activities, outlined in Appendix A. MDHHS will review this provider monitoring as part of the Administrative Quality Assurance Review process.

Appendix D: Participant-Centered Planning and Service Delivery

D-1: Service Plan Development (1 of 8)

State Participant-Centered Service Plan Title: Service Plan

a. Responsibility for Service Plan Development. Per 42 CFR §441.301(b)(2), specify who is responsible for the development of the service plan and the qualifications of these individuals (select each that applies):

- Registered nurse, licensed to practice in the State
- Licensed practical or vocational nurse, acting within the scope of practice under State law
- Licensed physician (M.D. or D.O)
- Case Manager (qualifications specified in Appendix C-1/C-3)
- Case Manager (qualifications not specified in Appendix C-1/C-3).

Specify qualifications:

- Social Worker

Specify qualifications:

- Other
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b. Service Plan Development Safeguards. Select one:

- Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility for service plan development may not provide other direct waiver services to the participant.
- Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility for service plan development may provide other direct waiver services to the participant.

The State has established the following safeguards to ensure that service plan development is conducted in the best interests of the participant. Specify:

Waiver agencies may directly employ registered nurses (RNs) and social workers as supports coordinators. However, waiver agencies may also contract with other qualified RNs and social workers to provide supports coordination. Each waiver participant may use the qualified supports coordinator of their choice. Additionally, participants who choose the self-determination option can use an independent supports broker to assist in implementing, managing, and monitoring the plan and budget. When a participant uses an independent supports broker, the participant limits the supports coordinator’s role in assisting the participant in planning, implementing, and managing service arrangements to avoid duplication of efforts. The supports coordinator retains the role of authorizing and monitoring the plan of service and individual budget.

Waiver agencies assign the responsibility for service plan development to supports coordinators. In some agencies, supports coordinators provide Community Transition Services as one of their responsibilities. Supports coordinators do not provide other waiver services, such as nursing or counseling.

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c. Supporting the Participant in Service Plan Development, Specify: (a) the supports and information that are made available to the participant (and/or family or legal representative, as appropriate) to direct and be actively engaged in the service plan development process and (b) the participant's authority to determine who is included in the process.

a) Waiver agencies provide the MI Choice Participant Handbook to all applicants during the enrollment process. The information packet explains the MI Choice services, the person-centered planning process, rights and appeals information, information on elder abuse, and other information relevant to the service area. Waiver agencies solicit participant preferences for date, time, and place of the assessment meeting before finalizing schedules. The participant, the participant's chosen allies, and family or legal representatives are provided with written information about the right to participate in the person-centered planning process and the self-determination option upon enrollment in MI Choice, during assessment, reassessment, or upon request. The participant has the right to directly choose an independent supports broker to participate in development of the individual plan. The supports coordinator provides additional information and support and directly addresses issues and concerns the participant may have over the phone or in a face-to-face meeting. Continued assistance from a supports coordinator is available throughout the person-centered service planning process. A participant who chooses the self-determination option may directly choose an independent supports broker. As a result, the participant may choose to:

1. start enrollment and services with a preliminary service plan that is put in place before the supports broker is engaged, or
2. delay enrollment until such time as a supports broker is secured and able to fully assist with person-centered planning and the service plan development process.

Participants choosing option 1. agree to a preliminary person-centered service plan that will allow the waiver agency to provide services to the participant until a full person-centered planning meeting can be arranged with the chosen supports broker, supports coordinator, and participant. Upon completion of the full person-centered service plan, the preliminary service plan will be modified to the person-centered service plan developed during the meeting with the supports broker.

b) The participant has authority to determine who will be involved in the person-centered planning process and may choose allies, such as family members, friends, community advocates, service providers and independent advocates to participate. A participant who chooses the self-determination option may also include an independent supports broker, if the participant desires. Participants are informed of the availability of supports brokers during the enrollment process through the MI Choice Participant Handbook. Each waiver agency has a listing of qualified persons willing to perform this role for the participant. A participant may
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d. Service Plan Development Process. In four pages or less, describe the process that is used to develop the participant-centered service plan, including: (a) who develops the plan, who participates in the process, and the timing of the plan; (b) the types of assessments that are conducted to support the service plan development process, including securing information about participant needs, preferences and goals, and health status; (c) how the participant is informed of the services that are available under the waiver; (d) how the plan development process ensures that the service plan addresses participant goals, needs (including health care needs), and preferences; (e) how waiver and other services are coordinated; (f) how the plan development process provides for the assignment of responsibilities to implement and monitor the plan; and, (g) how and when the plan is updated, including when the participant's needs change. State laws, regulations, and policies cited that affect the service plan development process are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable):

(a) Who develops the plan, who participates in the process, and the timing of the plan:

After completing the eligibility determination and initial assessment, the supports coordinators work with the participant and their representatives to develop the initial person-centered service plan. The team of supports coordinators includes an RN and a social worker. If the participant is experiencing a crisis situation that requires immediate services at the time of enrollment and is not ready to fully participate in person-centered planning, an interim service plan may be developed by the supports coordinator(s) and approved by the participant. Interim service plans are authorized for no more than 90 days without a follow-up visit to determine the participant's status. The first person-centered planning meeting is conducted when the participant is not in crisis and at a time of the participant's choice.

A pre-planning session may occur before the first person-centered planning meeting. During pre-planning, the participant chooses dreams, goals and any topics to be discussed, who to invite, who will facilitate and record the meeting, as well as a time and location that meets the needs of all individuals involved in the process. The participant and selected allies design the agenda for the person-centered planning meeting. The person-centered service plan is based on the expressed needs and desires of the participant and is updated upon request of the participant. Regular updates to the service plan also occur when the need for services or participant circumstances change, but at least once every year.

(b) The types of assessments that are conducted to support the person-centered service plan development process, including securing information about participant needs, preferences and goals, and health status:

MI Choice uses the interRAI Home Care (iHC) assessment. Supports coordinators perform a comprehensive evaluation including assessment of the individual’s unique preferences, physical, social and emotional functioning, medication, physical environment, natural supports, and financial status. The supports coordinator must fully engage the individual in the interview to the extent of the individual’s abilities and tolerance. The participant must be reassessed 90 days after enrollment and annually thereafter.

(c) How the participant is informed of the services that are available under the waiver:

The participant is informed of services available by the supports coordinator. This occurs through direct communication with the supports coordinator as well as through written information provided to the participant regarding waiver services and other available community services and supports. The participant is offered information on all possible service providers. The participant specifies how he/she wishes to receive services and this is included in the person-centered service plan. An independent supports broker may be used by participants who choose the self-determination option to access the identified needed services, locate providers and ensure implementation of services.

(d) How the plan development process ensures that the service plan addresses participant goals, needs (including health care needs), and preferences:

MDHHS has developed a person-centered planning practice guide for MI Choice waiver agencies. The document is included as an attachment to waiver agency contracts to assist supports coordinators in ensuring that the person-centered service plan clearly identifies the participant's needs, goals and preferences with the services specified to meet them.

The supports coordinator and participant base the person-centered service plan upon participant preferences, goals, and needs identified through the person-centered planning process. A written person-centered service plan is developed with each participant and includes the individual’s identified or expressed needs, goals, expected outcomes, and planned interventions, regardless of funding source. This document includes all services provided to or needed by the participant and is finalized within 90 days of enrollment. Supports coordinators arrange formal services based upon participant choice and approval. The participant and the supports coordinator explore other funding options and intervention opportunities when personal goals include things beyond the scope of MI Choice services.

(e) How waiver and other services are coordinated and by whom:
The plan of service clearly identifies the types of services needed from both paid and non-paid providers of services and supports. The amount (units), frequency, and duration of each waiver service to be provided are included in the person-centered service plan. The participant chooses the services that best meet their needs and whether to use the option to self-direct applicable services or rely on a supports coordinator to ensure the services are implemented and provided according to the person-centered service plan. When a participant chooses to participate in self-determination, information, support and training are provided by the supports coordinator and others identified in the person-centered service plan. When a participant chooses not to participate in self-determination, the supports coordinator ensures that services and supports are implemented according to the person-centered service plan. Supports coordinators oversee the coordination of State Plan and waiver services included in the person-centered service plans. This oversight ensures that waiver services in the person-centered service plans are not duplicative of similar State Plan services available to or received by the participant.

(f) How the plan development process provides for the assignment of responsibilities to implement and monitor the plan:

The assignment of responsibilities to implement the service plan are determined through person-centered planning and may be delegated to the participant, a supports coordinator, an independent supports broker, or others designated by the participant. The supports coordinator and the participant, to the extent the participant chooses, are responsible for monitoring the person-centered service plan. This occurs through periodic case reviews, monthly contacts, participant request, reassessments, and routine formal service provider monitoring of expenditures made on behalf of the participant.

(g) How and when the plan is updated:

Waiver agencies are required to contact participants monthly. Reassessments are conducted in person 90 days after the initial assessment, with an annual reassessment thereafter, or upon a significant change in the participant's condition. Supports coordinators conduct an in person reassessment of the participant for the purpose of identifying changes that may have occurred since the initial assessment or previous reassessment and to measure progress toward meeting specific goals outlined in the participant's person-centered service plan. The participant may choose to have additional face to face meetings to specifically focus on the person-centered service plan at any time. The service plan is also reviewed and updated during this process, based upon reassessment findings and participant preferences. The service plan is also updated after changes in status and upon participant request.

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c. **Risk Assessment and Mitigation.** Specify how potential risks to the participant are assessed during the service plan development process and how strategies to mitigate risk are incorporated into the service plan, subject to participant needs and preferences. In addition, describe how the service plan development process addresses backup plans and the arrangements that are used for backup.

Supports coordinators identify and discuss potential risks to the participant during the assessment and reassessments. The person-centered planning process specifies risks and methods of monitoring their potential impact in conjunction with the participant. The supports coordinators, or other qualified individuals, fully discuss strategies to mitigate risks with the participant and allies, family, and relevant others during person-centered planning. Participant approved risk strategies are documented and written into the person-centered service plan. Participants may be required to acknowledge situations in which their choices pose risks for their health and welfare. The waiver agency is not obligated to authorize services believed to be harmful to the participant. Negotiations of such issues are initiated in the person-centered planning process. Supports coordinators assess and inform participants of their identified potential risk(s) to assist participants in making informed choices with regard to these risks. Service providers are informed of a participant's risk status when services are ordered. Service providers, including waiver agencies, are required to have contingency plans in place in the event of emergencies that pose a serious threat to the participant's health and welfare (i.e., inclement weather, natural disasters, and unavailable caregiver).

Each person-centered service plan describes back-up plans that are to be implemented when selected service providers are unable to furnish services as scheduled. Additionally, emergency plans that clearly describe a course of action when an emergency situation occurs are developed for each participant. Plans for emergencies are discussed and incorporated into the participant's service plan as a result of the person-centered planning process.

Qualified reviewers examine a random sample of back-up and emergency plans during the CQAR to assure plans are properly documented, meet participant needs, and include risk management procedures.

In addition, the MI Choice Quality Improvement Strategy requires waiver agencies to monitor and track when back-up plans are activated and whether or not they are successful in an effort to make improvements in the way back-up plans are developed with participants.
f. **Informed Choice of Providers.** Describe how participants are assisted in obtaining information about and selecting from among qualified providers of the waiver services in the service plan.

The supports coordinator provides participants with information and training on selecting qualified service providers. Information may also be provided by the participant’s trusted support network. Service providers must meet the minimum standards established by MDHHS for each service. Participants choose among qualified providers or employ providers who meet the minimum standards. Participants may receive assistance as needed to identify and select qualified providers at any time from supports coordinators or relevant others. A brochure on how to find and hire workers has been developed by MDHHS and is distributed to participants via the waiver agency.

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g. **Process for Making Service Plan Subject to the Approval of the Medicaid Agency.** Describe the process by which the service plan is made subject to the approval of the Medicaid agency in accordance with 42 CFR §441.301(b)(1)(i):

Qualified supports coordinators are responsible for conducting, securing and verifying level of care (LOC) eligibility, conducting participant assessments and reassessments, initiating interim service planning and the person-centered planning process with participants, and specifying approval of plans of service. MDHHS contracts with an EQRO which uses the CQAR process to meet CMS requirements for the review of service plan authorizations and case record reviews. The CQAR team uses a sample size program from www.raosoft.com/samplesize.html using a 95% confidence level and +/- 5% margin of error to determine total number of records to review for each waiver agency each fiscal year. Records reviewed are a completely random sample of MI Choice participants. In addition, for each waiver agency, MDHHS interviews at least five MI Choice participants in their homes. Qualified reviewers examine participant enrollment, assessment data, nursing facility level of care eligibility, the person-centered service plan and care planning process, and reassessment data to assure compliance with program standards and requirements.

Every self-determination budget is reviewed by at least two entities: waiver agencies and fiscal intermediaries. Fiscal intermediaries submit monthly reports for each participant directed budget. An additional sampling component is part of the service plan approval and authorization review for cases involving individual budgeting. This has been included to assure compliance with policies and guidelines associated with self-determination.

The EQRO conducts a random review of a representative sample of all MI Choice participants during the CQAR and if a self-determined individual falls into the random sample, the participant’s file is reviewed as part of that sample. The reviewers are well-versed in the requirements of self-determination and assure all requirements are met within the case record. When requirements are not met, corrective action is required.

MDHHS requires the fiscal intermediary to send monthly monitoring reports to both the participant and the waiver agency. These reports identify the planned services and budget, the paid services, and a comparison of each. When budgets have more than a 10% discrepancy, MDHHS requires the waiver agency to discuss this discrepancy with the self-determination participant to determine the root cause and identify methods of remediation as necessary.

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h. **Service Plan Review and Update.** The service plan is subject to at least annual periodic review and update to assess the appropriateness and adequacy of the services as participant needs change. Specify the minimum schedule for the review and update of the service plan:

- Every three months or more frequently when necessary
- Every six months or more frequently when necessary
- Every twelve months or more frequently when necessary
- Other schedule

Specify the other schedule:

i. **Maintenance of Service Plan Forms.** Written copies or electronic facsimiles of service plans are maintained for a minimum period of 3 years as required by 45 CFR §92.42. Service plans are maintained by the following (check each that applies):

- Medicaid agency
- Operating agency
- Case manager
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D-2: Service Plan Implementation and Monitoring

a. Service Plan Implementation and Monitoring. Specify: (a) the entity (entities) responsible for monitoring the implementation of the service plan and participant health and welfare; (b) the monitoring and follow-up method(s) that are used; and, (c) the frequency with which monitoring is performed.

a) Entities responsible for implementation and monitoring are the waiver agency, supports coordinator, the independent supports broker, where applicable, the participant to the extent chosen by them, and the participant’s support network, as appropriate.

b) Within two weeks of service implementation for newly enrolled participants, MDHHS requires waiver agencies to contact each participant to ensure services are implemented as planned. When services are not implemented as planned or when the planned services require adjustments, waiver agencies implement corrective actions to resolve problems and issues. MDHHS also requires waiver agencies to contact each participant in person or by telephone at least monthly (more frequently as needed) to ensure the delivery of services continues as planned, the participant is satisfied with service delivery, and if there have been any changes since the previous contact.

If a back-up plan was required during the month, the supports coordinator will discuss the effectiveness of the plan and whether any changes are necessary. If the participant is not satisfied with a provider, the participant is given the choice to change workers or providers. Supports coordinators also confirm all non-waiver services are being furnished and the participant has access to any additional resources required. Participants and their families are provided with telephone numbers to contact waiver agencies and supports coordinators at any time when new needs emerge that require supports coordination interventions and additional support services. Self-determination participants and their support network also monitor the care and plan of service including monitoring service budget utilization, time sheets of providers, and authorization for services to ensure services designated in the plan of service have been accessed and provided in accordance with the plan. Participants and families are also educated on health and welfare and are encouraged to call their supports coordinator in the event of a potential critical incident. Reassessments are conducted in person 90 days after the initial assessment, with an annual reassessment, or upon a significant change in the participant's condition. The supports coordinator evaluates the effectiveness of back-up plans and the health and welfare of the participant at reassessment, upon participant request, and when there is a change in participant status or participant conditions.

If any problems are discovered during monitoring, issues are addressed immediately. If services are not being implemented as outlined in the person-centered service plan or the participant’s needs are not being met, a corrective action is developed between the participant and waiver agency to remedy the situation. The participant must approve all changes in the person-centered service plan, and is provided the appropriate adverse benefit determination when required. The corrective action could include changing providers, increasing or decreasing the amount of care, or rescheduling services.

If any critical incidents are suspected during the monitoring process or are reported by the participant, family, service provider, or any other individual, the waiver agency will act immediately to ensure the health and welfare of the participant. The waiver agency will present and discuss options to protect the participant to the participant and the participant’s chosen allies. Any revisions to the person-centered service plan will be implemented immediately and followed-up on regularly.

Waiver agencies are responsible for on-going monitoring of service plan implementation and of direct service providers. Waiver agencies conduct a formal administrative review annually according to the MDHHS monitoring plan of direct service providers. MDHHS examines waiver agency monitoring activities and reports during its AQR process to ensure that monitoring activities are being conducted, service issues and problems are being resolved appropriately and timely, and any patterns of irregularities or concerns regarding a specific provider are identified.

b. Monitoring Safeguards. Select one:

- Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility to monitor service plan implementation and participant health and welfare may not provide other direct waiver services to the participant.

- Entities and/or individuals that have responsibility to monitor service plan implementation and participant health and welfare may provide other direct waiver services to the participant.

The State has established the following safeguards to ensure that monitoring is conducted in the best interests of the participant. Specify:

The supports coordinator or the independent supports broker, along with the participant, are responsible for monitoring service plan implementation based on the participant’s choice. Although waiver agencies may provide direct waiver services, most are limited to Supports Coordination and Community Transition Services. Therefore, the waiver agency has no conflict in its role of monitoring service plan implementation and participant health and welfare. Participants are encouraged to monitor their own person-centered service plan implementation and alert or contact their supports coordinator or independent supports broker.
when they need assistance. The supports coordinator assists, supports, and provides training to the participant in evaluating provider performance of tasks based on the participant’s needs, preferences and goals as stipulated in the person-centered service plan. For participants choosing the self-determination option, use of a fiscal intermediary ensures that a participant’s individual budget is portable and that the function of selecting and managing providers of services and supports is separated from the function of service plan implementation. MDHHS also ensures that waiver agencies are monitoring service plan implementation and participant health and welfare by checking documentation during the AQAR and CQAR.

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Quality Improvement: Service Plan

As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Service Plan Assurance/Sub-assurances

The state demonstrates it has designed and implemented an effective system for reviewing the adequacy of service plans for waiver participants.

i. Sub-Assurances:

a. **Sub-assurance:** Service plans address all participants’ assessed needs (including health and safety risk factors) and personal goals, either by the provision of waiver services or through other means.

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

**Performance Measure:**
Number and percent of participants whose person-centered service plan includes services and supports that align with their assessed needs. Numerator: Number of participants whose person-centered service plan includes services and supports that align with their assessed needs. Denominator: Number of participant files reviewed.

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b. **Sub-assurance: The State monitors service plan development in accordance with its policies and procedures.**

**Performance Measures**

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**Performance Measure:**
Number and percent of participants whose service plans are developed in accordance with policies and procedures established by MDHHS for the person-centered planning process.

**Numerator:** Number of participants whose plan of service was developed appropriately.

**Denominator:** Number of participant files reviewed.

**Data Source** (Select one):

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### Sub-assurance: Service plans are updated/revised at least annually or when warranted by changes in the waiver participant’s needs.

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#### Performance Measure:

Number and percent of participant person-centered service plans that are updated according to requirements by MDHHS. Numerator: Number of participant person-centered service plans that are updated according to requirements by MDHHS. Denominator: All participant person-centered service plans reviewed.

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d. Sub-assurance: Services are delivered in accordance with the service plan, including the type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the service plan.

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of participants who received all of the services and supports identified in their person-centered service plan. Numerator: Number of participants who received all of the services and supports identified in their person-centered service plan. Denominator: Number of participant files reviewed.

Data Source (Select one):
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e. Sub-assurance: Participants are afforded choice: Between/among waiver services and providers.

Performance Measures

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Performance Measure:
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ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

1. Waiver agencies conduct monthly supervisory reviews of person-centered service plan development and updates to ensure each service plan addresses the participant’s assessed needs, including risk management (RM) planning. Additionally, this review ensures supports coordinators include changes noted during participant assessments and reassessments into the person-centered service plan. Supervisory reviews result in written directives to individual supports coordinators requesting corrections and updates to the plan of service as needed.

2. Waiver agencies conduct peer reviews among supports coordinators within their own agency at least annually. This results in written peer feedback recommendations, sharing information resources, and improved care planning.

3. MDHHS requires a person-centered planning (PCP) process for the development of the service plan. Each waiver agency trains its staff and participants. The waiver agency maintains staff training records on attendance by date and total number of attendees, topics, and training evaluations. The EQRO validates that the waiver agency follows the PCP guidelines during the CQAR and MDHHS reviews training records during the AQAR. Participant training is documented in the case record and reviewed during the CQAR.

4. Supports coordinators assist participants in identifying risks during PCP and assure that the person-centered service plan...
b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

The EQRO or MDHHS staff may provide technical assistance to waiver agency staff when deficiencies are noted during the CQAR or AQAR.

During the CQAR process, qualified reviewers perform annual person-centered service plan and case record reviews on a random sample of participants to ensure supports coordinators conduct service plan development according to MDHHS contract requirements, policy, and procedures. During this review, if any participant person-centered service plan does not: include services or supports that align with their assessed needs; address health and safety risks; include goals and preferences; or are not developed in accordance with policies and procedures, the waiver agency must redesign the service plan within two weeks. This may require another person-centered planning meeting with the participant and others the participant wants included. The waiver agency must provide enough notice so that everyone can attend if they choose. Prior to implementing the new person-centered service plan, the participant must provide approval. MDHHS will monitor the revised service plan to ensure all requirements have been met.

Waiver agencies are required to update the person-centered service plan at least annually, or as needs change. If any participant service plans are not updated as required and the situation has not already been remediated, MDHHS will require the waiver agency to conduct a face-to-face person centered planning meeting to update the participant service plan as
necessary within two weeks. The waiver agency must also follow-up with the participant regarding the person-centered service plan to ensure updates made are effective. The waiver agency must provide MDHHS with documentation that demonstrates the updates have been implemented.

Choice is important in the MI Choice program. During the CQAR, if a participant record does not contain a completed and signed freedom of choice form indicating preference to be in the MI Choice program, the waiver agency is required to obtain a complete and signed form specifying the participant was offered a choice between institution care and waiver services and chose the MI Choice program. The form must be sent to the EQRO to prove the remediation was made and added to the participant’s record. If a waiver participant’s record does not indicate choice was offered among waiver services or providers, the waiver agency will be required to provide information to the participant offering all waiver services and providers. Documentation must be provided to the EQRO and stored in the participant record to verify the participant was given a choice among services and providers.

Waiver agencies submit provider monitoring reports to MDHHS, who in turn reviews the reports and may request additional information based on performance. MDHHS may request waiver agencies take action with their providers if they are concerned about their performance or interaction with participants. MDHHS may ask waiver agencies to show how any issues were followed up on and remediated during AQAR visits. If necessary, MDHHS may request further corrective action plans to resolve outstanding issues.

A third party vendor conducts the CAHPS HCBS survey biannually to measure participant’s satisfaction and quality of life. The vendor notifies the Waiver agencies when indicated to follow up with participants to correct any problems noted on the completed surveys. The surveys are conducted on the phone or in person. The vendor assures a statistically significant sample from each waiver agency and analyzes the data for any trends or possible system improvements that can be made locally or statewide. This analysis and summarized data is provided to MDHHS and waiver agencies to use for quality improvement initiatives.

ii. Remediation Data Aggregation

Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

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iii. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Service Plans that are currently non-operational.

- ☐ No
- ☑ Yes

Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Service Plans, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

Applicability (from Application Section 3, Components of the Waiver Request):

- ☑ Yes. This waiver provides participant direction opportunities. Complete the remainder of the Appendix.
- ☐ No. This waiver does not provide participant direction opportunities. Do not complete the remainder of the Appendix.
CMS urges states to afford all waiver participants the opportunity to direct their services. Participant direction of services includes the participant exercising decision-making authority over workers who provide services, a participant-managed budget or both. CMS will confer the Independence Plus designation when the waiver evidences a strong commitment to participant direction.

Indicate whether Independence Plus designation is requested (select one):

- ☐ Yes. The State requests that this waiver be considered for Independence Plus designation.
- ☐ No. Independence Plus designation is not requested.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (1 of 13)

a. Description of Participant Direction. In no more than two pages, provide an overview of the opportunities for participant direction in the waiver, including: (a) the nature of the opportunities afforded to participants; (b) how participants may take advantage of these opportunities; (c) the entities that support individuals who direct their services and the supports that they provide; and, (d) other relevant information about the waiver's approach to participant direction.

This option, referred to as self-determination, provides participants the option to direct and control their waiver services through an individual budget. Participants are supported in directing the use of the funds comprising their respective individual budgets for services designated in Appendix C. Supports coordinators work with participants to develop and revise individual budgets. Participants have the option of appointing a representative to assist them with directing their services and supports and obtaining additional assistance through participation in a peer support group and use of a supports broker.

Each waiver agency directly provides supports coordination and holds contracts with providers of services that conform to federal regulations. As participants exercise employer authority, each provider furnishing services is required to execute a Medicaid Provider Agreement with the waiver agency that conforms to the requirements of 42 CFR 431.107. Guidance for participant direction is provided through MDHHS contracts with each MI Choice waiver agency. The contract includes training, technical assistance, technical advisories, and prototype documents.

(a) The nature of the opportunities afforded to participants:

Waiver participants have opportunities for both employer authority and budget authority. Participants may elect one or both authorities, and can direct a single service or all of their services for which participant direction is an option. The participant may also allocate savings from services and supports in the person-centered service plan to purchase appropriate goods and services. The participant may direct the budget and directly contract with qualified chosen providers. The individual budget is transferred to a fiscal intermediary (an agency that provides financial management services), which administers the funds and makes payment to providers upon participant authorization.

Participants may choose to directly employ their worker or use the Agency with Choice option. With direct employment, the participant is the employer and delegates performance of the fiscal or employer agency functions to the fiscal intermediary, which processes payroll and performs other administrative and support functions. The participant directly recruits, hires and manages employees. The MI Choice contract provides detailed guidance to waiver agencies. In the Agency with Choice model, participants contract with an Agency and split the employer duties. The participant is the managing employer and has the authority to select, hire, supervise and terminate workers. The agency, as co-employer, is the common law employer, and handles the administrative and human resources functions and may provide other services and supports needed by the participant. The agency may provide assistance in recruiting and hiring workers. The MDHHS contract includes guidance to waiver agencies. A participant may select one or both options. For example, a participant may want to employ a good friend directly to provide community living supports during the week and use Agency with Choice to provide community living supports on the weekends.

(b) How participants may take advantage of these opportunities:

The MI Choice Participant Handbook is provided to each MI Choice participant and contains information on self-determination. Participants interested in the self-determination option start the process by informing their supports coordinator of their interest. The participants are given information regarding the responsibilities, liabilities and benefits of self-determination prior to the person-centered planning process. A person-centered service plan is developed through this process with the participant, supports coordinator, and allies chosen by the participant. The person-centered service plan includes MI Choice waiver services needed by and appropriate for the participant. An individual budget is developed based on the services and supports identified in the service plan and must be sufficient to implement the service plan. The participant selects service providers and has the ability to act as the employer. Waiver agencies provide many options for participants to obtain assistance and support in implementing their service plans.

(c) The entities that support individuals who direct their services and the supports that they provide:

Supports coordinators (usually employed by waiver agencies) are the primary entities that support individuals who direct their own services. Supports coordinators are responsible for working with self-determination participants through the person-centered
planning process to develop a person-centered service plan and an individual budget. Participants may choose to include a supports broker to assist them with planning services and supports and negotiating a budget. Supports coordinators are responsible for obtaining authorization of and monitoring the budget and plan. The supports coordinator and participant share responsibility for assuring participants receive the services to which they are entitled and for smooth implementation of the person-centered service plan. The MI Choice waiver provides many options for independent advocacy through involvement of a network of participant allies and independent supports brokers as described in Section E-1k.

Through its contract with MDHHS, each waiver agency is required to offer information and education on self-determination to participants. Each waiver agency also offers support to participants who choose this option. This support can include offering required training for workers, peer-to-peer discussion forums on how to be a better employer, or providing one-on-one assistance when a problem arises.

Each waiver agency is required to contract with fiscal intermediaries to provide financial management services. The fiscal intermediary performs a number of essential tasks to support self-determination while assuring accountability for the public funds allotted to support this option.

The fiscal intermediary has four basic areas of performance:

1) Function as the employer agent for participants directly employing workers to assure compliance with payroll tax and insurance requirements;

2) Ensure compliance with requirements related to management of public funds, the direct employment of workers by participants, and contracting for other authorized goods and services;

3) Facilitate successful implementation of the self-determined services and supports by monitoring the use of the budget and providing monthly budget status reports to the participant and waiver agency; and

4) Offer supportive services to enable participants to self-determine and direct the services and supports they need.

(d) Other relevant information about the waiver’s approach to participant direction:

Participants may use an independent supports broker to assist with the development and implementation of the person-centered service plan and budget. Independent supports brokers, who are chosen by participants, work with and advocate for participants in conjunction with the supports coordinator.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

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b. Participant Direction Opportunities. Specify the participant direction opportunities that are available in the waiver. Select one:

- Participant: Employer Authority. As specified in Appendix E-2, Item a, the participant (or the participant's representative) has decision-making authority over workers who provide waiver services. The participant may function as the common law employer or the co-employer of workers. Supports and protections are available for participants who exercise this authority.

- Participant: Budget Authority. As specified in Appendix E-2, Item b, the participant (or the participant's representative) has decision-making authority over a budget for waiver services. Supports and protections are available for participants who have authority over a budget.

- Both Authorities. The waiver provides for both participant direction opportunities as specified in Appendix E-2. Supports and protections are available for participants who exercise these authorities.

c. Availability of Participant Direction by Type of Living Arrangement. Check each that applies:

- Participant direction opportunities are available to participants who live in their own private residence or the home of a family member.

- Participant direction opportunities are available to individuals who reside in other living arrangements where services (regardless of funding source) are furnished to fewer than four persons unrelated to the proprietor.

- The participant direction opportunities are available to persons in the following other living arrangements

Specify these living arrangements:

- Adult Foster Care and Homes For The Aged

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

E-1: Overview (3 of 13)
**d. Election of Participant Direction.** Election of participant direction is subject to the following policy (select one):

- Waiver is designed to support only individuals who want to direct their services.
- The waiver is designed to afford every participant (or the participant's representative) the opportunity to elect to direct waiver services. Alternate service delivery methods are available for participants who decide not to direct their services.
- The waiver is designed to offer participants (or their representatives) the opportunity to direct some or all of their services, subject to the following criteria specified by the State. Alternate service delivery methods are available for participants who decide not to direct their services or do not meet the criteria.

Specify the criteria

**Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services**

**E-1: Overview (4 of 13)**

**e. Information Furnished to Participant.** Specify: (a) the information about participant direction opportunities (e.g., the benefits of participant direction, participant responsibilities, and potential liabilities) that is provided to the participant (or the participant's representative) to inform decision-making concerning the election of participant direction; (b) the entity or entities responsible for furnishing this information; and, (c) how and when this information is provided on a timely basis.

(a) The information about participant direction opportunities (e.g., the benefits of participant direction, participant responsibilities, and potential liabilities) that is provided to the participant (or the participant’s representative) to inform decision-making concerning the election of participant direction:

General information about self-determination options are provided to waiver participants by the waiver agency with a multi-layered approach that meets each participants' preferred method of communication. Every waiver participant receives the MI Choice Participant Handbook, which includes information about self-determination options. The supports coordinator explains the information in the Participant Handbook and answers questions the participant has. A brochure entitled “Everything You Need To Know About Self-Determination in Long-Term Care” has been developed for, and adapted by, the waiver agencies.

When a MI Choice participant expresses interest in participating in self-determination, the supports coordinator provides information and education to the participant, including the benefits responsibilities, and potential risks of choosing the self-determination option for the participant. Each participant develops a person-centered service plan that addresses specific options and concerns . The person-centered service plan addresses potential risks, concerns, and issues through the interventions included.

MDHHS provides support, training and technical guidance to the waiver agencies on developing local capacity and implementing options for self-direction. MDHHS developed technical advisories and guidelines on all aspects of self-determination to provide resources both to waiver agency staff and MI Choice participants. The documents are included in the MI Choice contract and include:

- Guidance on how to administer self-determination in the MI Choice program
- Guidance on developing individual budgets
- When and how to rescind the self-determination option for participants
- Fiscal Intermediary functions
- Fiscal Intermediary Readiness Review
- Budget Forms
- Self-Determination Enrollment Form
- Medicaid Provider Agreement
- Self-Determination disenrollment Form
- Back-up Workers
- Agency with Choice Agreement
- Agency with Choice Employment Agreement
- Employee Training Records
- Criminal History Screening Policy
- Right to Hire information
- Right to Hire Driver information
- An informational Self-Determination Flyer
- A Person Centered Planning brochure

(b) The entity or entities responsible for furnishing this information:
The waiver agencies are responsible for disseminating this information to participants, and the supports coordinators primarily carry out this function. In addition, MDHHS staff provides information and training to provider agencies, advocates and participants on new materials and self-determination materials as needed.

(c) How and when this information is provided on a timely basis:

This information is provided throughout the participant’s enrollment in the MI Choice program. It starts from the time the participant initially enrolls in the program through the MI Choice Participant Handbook. Participants are provided with information about the principles of self-determination and the possibilities, models and options available. The person-centered planning process is a critical time to address issues related to self-determination including methods used, health and welfare issues, and the involvement of informal supports. Follow-up information and assistance is available at any time to assure that participant concerns and needs are addressed. Self-determination options begin when the waiver agency and the participant reach agreement on a person-centered service plan, the funding authorized to accomplish the plan, and implementation of the plan. Each participant (or the participant’s representative) who chooses to direct his or her services and supports signs a Self-Determination Agreement with the waiver agency that clearly defines the duties and responsibilities of the parties.

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

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f. Participant Direction by a Representative. Specify the State's policy concerning the direction of waiver services by a representative (select one):

- The State does not provide for the direction of waiver services by a representative.
- The State provides for the direction of waiver services by representatives.

Specify the representatives who may direct waiver services: (check each that applies):

- Waiver services may be directed by a legal representative of the participant.
- Waiver services may be directed by a non-legal representative freely chosen by an adult participant.

Specify the policies that apply regarding the direction of waiver services by participant-appointed representatives, including safeguards to ensure that the representative functions in the best interest of the participant:

Informal supports, such as non-legal representatives freely chosen by adult participants, can be an important resource for the participant. These individuals can include agents designated under a power of attorney or other identified persons participating in the person-centered planning process. The involvement of a number of allies in the process ensures that the representative will work in the best interests of the participant. Additionally, the supports coordinator contacts the participant on a regular basis and ensures the participant’s representative is not authorizing self-determined services that do not fit the participant’s preferences or do not promote achievement of the goals contained in the person’s plan of service. The supports coordinator assures the participant’s plan of service promotes independence and inclusive community and the representative does not act in a manner that conflicts with the participant’s stated interests.

In the event the representative is working counter to the participant’s interests, the supports coordinator is authorized to address the issue and work with the participant to find an appropriate resolution.

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g. Participant-Directed Services. Specify the participant direction opportunity (or opportunities) available for each waiver service that is specified as participant-directed in Appendix C-1/C-3.

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h. Financial Management Services. Except in certain circumstances, financial management services are mandatory and integral to participant direction. A governmental entity and/or another third-party entity must perform necessary financial transactions on behalf of the waiver participant. Select one:

- Yes. Financial Management Services are furnished through a third party entity. (Complete item E-1-i).

Specify whether governmental and/or private entities furnish these services. Check each that applies:

- Governmental entities
- Private entities

- No. Financial Management Services are not furnished. Standard Medicaid payment mechanisms are used. Do not complete Item E-1-i.

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i. Provision of Financial Management Services. Financial management services (FMS) may be furnished as a waiver service or as an administrative activity. Select one:

- FMS are covered as the waiver service specified in Appendix C-1/C-3

  The waiver service entitled:
  - Fiscal Intermediary Services

- FMS are provided as an administrative activity.

Provide the following information

i. Types of Entities: Specify the types of entities that furnish FMS and the method of procuring these services:

  Waiver agencies contract with private entities to furnish FMS as a waiver service. Each waiver agency must contract with at least one fiscal intermediary that meets the service standards defined in the Minimum Operating Standards for MI Choice Waiver Program Services and has passed the Fiscal Intermediary Readiness Review.

ii. Payment for FMS. Specify how FMS entities are compensated for the administrative activities that they perform:

  FMS entities contract with waiver agencies and are compensated via the waiver agency as a waiver service through the participant's individual budget.

iii. Scope of FMS. Specify the scope of the supports that FMS entities provide (check each that applies):

  Supports furnished when the participant is the employer of direct support workers:

  - Assist participant in verifying support worker citizenship status
  - Collect and process timesheets of support workers
  - Process payroll, withholding, filing and payment of applicable federal, state and local employment-related taxes and insurance
  - Other

  Specify:

  Conducts criminal history screenings on potential self-determined employees and verifies employees receive required provider training.

  When the MMIS is able to enroll atypical Medicaid providers, all self-determined workers will enroll as an atypical provider in the MMIS and criminal history screenings will occur automatically through that system. Fiscal intermediaries will retain responsibility for informing participants when chosen providers are not qualified to be...
Medicaid providers. Fiscal intermediaries will also inform participants of potential providers who have non-excluded convictions on their criminal history screening to assure the participant is fully informed of the potential provider’s criminal history before concluding the hiring process.

Supports furnished when the participant exercises budget authority:

- Maintain a separate account for each participant's participant-directed budget
- Track and report participant funds, disbursements and the balance of participant funds
- Process and pay invoices for goods and services approved in the service plan
- Provide participant with periodic reports of expenditures and the status of the participant-directed budget
- Other services and supports

Specify:

Additional functions/activities:

- Execute and hold Medicaid provider agreements as authorized under a written agreement with the Medicaid agency
- Receive and disburse funds for the payment of participant-directed services under an agreement with the Medicaid agency or operating agency
- Provide other entities specified by the State with periodic reports of expenditures and the status of the participant-directed budget
- Other

Specify:

iv. Oversight of FMS Entities. Specify the methods that are employed to: (a) monitor and assess the performance of FMS entities, including ensuring the integrity of the financial transactions that they perform; (b) the entity (or entities) responsible for this monitoring; and, (c) how frequently performance is assessed.

a) The fiscal intermediary provides monthly budget reports to the waiver agency and participant. The supports coordinator or independent supports broker ensures that performance and integrity of the fiscal intermediary are appropriate and acceptable to the participant through person-centered planning meetings and monthly contacts with the participant, and follows up with the participant when budget reports indicate that budgets are more than 10 percent over or under the approved amount.

b) Waiver agencies are responsible for monitoring the performance of fiscal intermediaries.

c) Waiver agencies review performance of fiscal intermediaries annually.

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j. Information and Assistance in Support of Participant Direction. In addition to financial management services, participant direction is facilitated when information and assistance are available to support participants in managing their services. These supports may be furnished by one or more entities, provided that there is no duplication. Specify the payment authority (or authorities) under which these supports are furnished and, where required, provide the additional information requested (check each that applies):

- Case Management Activity. Information and assistance in support of participant direction are furnished as an element of Medicaid case management services.

Specify in detail the information and assistance that are furnished through case management for each participant direction opportunity under the waiver:

Waiver agencies employ supports coordinators who carry out the waiver agency’s responsibility to work with participants through the person-centered planning process. Supports coordinators work with participants to develop a person-centered service plan and an individual budget, to obtain authorization of the budget and the service plan, and to monitor the service plan, budget and arrangements made as part of the service plan. The supports coordinators make sure that participants get the services to which they are entitled and the arrangements are implemented smoothly.
The participant can also obtain an independent supports broker to assist with arranging services and supports, and implementing the arrangements. The independent supports broker advocates for the participant and informs the supports coordinator of the participant’s choices to assist the participant in developing and implementing the person-centered service plan.

A variety of supports are furnished for each participant. They are described in (a) above and in E-1(a)-(c).

The entity that furnishes intake and assessment (I&A) is the waiver agency through its supports coordinators. I&A is furnished as part of the person-centered planning process to determine the needs and strengths of the individual. I&A is provided based on needs identified through an assessment or as expressed by the participant or on behalf of the participant by their supports broker, caregivers, representatives, service providers, or informal supports at any time. Secondly, I&A could be provided by fiscal intermediaries and the allies participating in the person-centered planning process. I&A is assessed as part of the case review process and evaluated through participant satisfaction surveys.

MDHHS does not have a different review process for participants who choose self-determination. During the review process, the EQRO examines each record selected to ensure person-centered service plans are appropriate and payments to providers for services delivered are made in accordance with the approved service plan. While self-determined participants may use a different funding mechanism, and the CQAR team may have to look at different documentation to verify the appropriateness, the EQRO ensures the appropriateness of budgets, service plans, and payments within the same protocol used for all other records reviewed.

MDHHS reviews all policies, procedures, and forms used for self-determination as developed and during the AQAR process.

- **Waiver Service Coverage.** Information and assistance in support of participant direction are provided through the following waiver service coverage(s) specified in Appendix C-1/C-3 (check each that applies):

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- **Administrative Activity.** Information and assistance in support of participant direction are furnished as an administrative activity.

Specify (a) the types of entities that furnish these supports; (b) how the supports are procured and compensated; (c) describe in detail the supports that are furnished for each participant direction opportunity under the waiver; (d) the methods and frequency of assessing the performance of the entities that furnish these supports; and, (e) the entity or entities responsible for assessing performance:
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k. Independent Advocacy (select one).

☐ No. Arrangements have not been made for independent advocacy.
☐ Yes. Independent advocacy is available to participants who direct their services.

Describe the nature of this independent advocacy and how participants may access this advocacy:

Several options for independent advocacy are available through self-determination. These options include utilizing a network of allies in the person-centered planning process and retaining an independent supports broker for assistance throughout plan and implementation of the person-centered service plan and individual budget. The primary roles of the independent supports broker are to assist the participant in making informed decisions about what works best for the participant, are consistent with his or her needs, and reflect the individual’s circumstances. The independent supports broker may assist the participant to explore the availability of community services and supports, assist with access to housing and employment, and assist with making the necessary arrangements to link the participant with those identified supports. Supports brokerage services offer practical skills training to enable individuals to remain independent, including the provision of information on recruiting, hiring and managing workers, effective communication skills, and problem solving. When a participant uses an independent supports broker, the supports coordinator has a more limited role in planning and implementation of services and supports to protect against duplication of services. However, the authority of the supports coordinator in approving the person-centered service plan and individual budget on behalf of the waiver agency is not delegated.

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l. Voluntary Termination of Participant Direction. Describe how the State accommodates a participant who voluntarily terminates participant direction in order to receive services through an alternate service delivery method, including how the State assures continuity of services and participant health and welfare during the transition from participant direction:

The participant may choose to modify or terminate his or her self-determination option at any time. The most effective method for making changes is the person-centered planning process in which individuals chosen by the participant work with the participant and the supports coordinator to identify challenges and address problems that may be interfering with the success of self-determination. The decision of a participant to terminate participant direction does not alter the services and supports identified in the person-centered service plan. The waiver agency is obligated to assume responsibility for assuring the provision of the services through its network of contracted provider agencies.

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m. Involuntary Termination of Participant Direction. Specify the circumstances when the State will involuntarily terminate the use of participant direction and require the participant to receive provider-managed services instead, including how continuity of services and participant health and welfare is assured during the transition.

A waiver agency may involuntarily terminate a participant’s self-determination option when the health and welfare of the participant is in jeopardy or other serious problems are resulting from the participant’s inability to or failure in directing services and supports. Before the waiver agency terminates this option, and unless it is not feasible, the waiver agency informs the participant in writing of the issues that have led to the decision to consider altering or discontinuing this option and provides an opportunity for problem resolution. Typically, the person-centered planning process is used to address the issues, with termination being a last resort when other mutually agreeable solutions cannot be found. The waiver agency is responsible to work with the participant to find agency-based providers when revoking the self-determination option. The decision of the waiver agency to terminate participant direction does not alter the services and supports identified in the person-centered service plan. Waiver agencies notify participants that the self-determination option is being rescinded and of their right to file a grievance about this decision. However, if waiting to terminate these arrangements places the participant in jeopardy, the arrangements are terminated immediately and information on how to file a grievance is provided.

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n. Goals for Participant Direction. In the following table, provide the State's goals for each year that the waiver is in effect for the unduplicated number of waiver participants who are expected to elect each applicable participant direction opportunity. Annually, the State will report to CMS the number of participants who elect to direct their waiver services.
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a. Participant - Employer Authority Complete when the waiver offers the employer authority opportunity as indicated in Item E-1-b:

i. Participant Employer Status. Specify the participant's employer status under the waiver. Select one or both:

- Participant/Co-Employer. The participant (or the participant's representative) functions as the co-employer (managing employer) of workers who provide waiver services. An agency is the common law employer of participant-selected/recruited staff and performs necessary payroll and human resources functions. Supports are available to assist the participant in conducting employer-related functions.

  Specify the types of agencies (a.k.a., agencies with choice) that serve as co-employers of participant-selected staff:

  The MI Choice contract specifies requirements for the Agency with Choice model. Typically, any agency-based provider who is willing to share employer authority with a participant and enter into a three-way agreement with the participant and employee may be an Agency with Choice provider. Agencies may be included in the waiver agency’s provider network or not. When the agency is not included in the provider network, the waiver agency is responsible to assure the provider agency meets all provider requirements. The provider agency may choose to limit the number of Agency with Choice agreements in which they enter with participants and employees.

- Participant/Common Law Employer. The participant (or the participant's representative) is the common law employer of workers who provide waiver services. An IRS-approved Fiscal/Employer Agent functions as the participant's agent in performing payroll and other employer responsibilities that are required by federal and state law. Supports are available to assist the participant in conducting employer-related functions.

ii. Participant Decision Making Authority. The participant (or the participant's representative) has decision making authority over workers who provide waiver services. Select one or more decision making authorities that participants exercise:

- Recruit staff
- Refer staff to agency for hiring (co-employer)
- Select staff from worker registry
- Hire staff common law employer
- Verify staff qualifications
- Obtain criminal history and/or background investigation of staff

  Specify how the costs of such investigations are compensated:

  The fiscal intermediary is responsible for conducting criminal history reviews for directly employed personal assistance providers. The cost is built into their monthly fee.

  When the MMIS is able to enroll atypical Medicaid providers, all self-determined workers will enroll as an atypical provider in the MMIS and criminal history screenings will occur automatically through that system. MDHHS will incur the cost of these investigations directly.

- Specify additional staff qualifications based on participant needs and preferences so long as such qualifications are consistent with the qualifications specified in Appendix C-1/C-3.
- Determine staff duties consistent with the service specifications in Appendix C-1/C-3.
- Determine staff wages and benefits subject to State limits
- Schedule staff
- Orient and instruct staff in duties
- Supervise staff
- Evaluate staff performance
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b. Participant - Budget Authority Complete when the waiver offers the budget authority opportunity as indicated in Item E-1-b:

i. Participant Decision Making Authority. When the participant has budget authority, indicate the decision-making authority that the participant may exercise over the budget. Select one or more:

- ✓ Reallocate funds among services included in the budget
- ✓ Determine the amount paid for services within the State's established limits
- ✓ Substitute service providers
- ✓ Schedule the provision of services
- ✓ Specify additional service provider qualifications consistent with the qualifications specified in Appendix C-1/C-3
- ✓ Specify how services are provided, consistent with the service specifications contained in Appendix C-1/C-3
- ✓ Identify service providers and refer for provider enrollment
- ✓ Authorize payment for waiver goods and services
- ✓ Review and approve provider invoices for services rendered

Other

Specify:

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b. Participant - Budget Authority

ii. Participant-Directed Budget Describe in detail the method(s) that are used to establish the amount of the participant-directed budget for waiver goods and services over which the participant has authority, including how the method makes use of reliable cost estimating information and is applied consistently to each participant. Information about these method(s) must be made publicly available.

The individual budget is based on the person-centered service plan developed through the person-centered planning process. The budget is created by the participant, the supports coordinator and the independent supports broker, if one is used. Funding must be sufficient to purchase the waiver services and supports identified in the person-centered service plan.

A simple methodology using reliable cost estimating information is used to develop the budget. Each budget is the sum of the units of service multiplied by the period covered, multiplied by the rate for the service as agreed upon by the participant and authorized by the waiver agency. The state does not set a uniform rate for each service. This formula allows each participant and waiver agency to negotiate rates for providers. Typically, when an existing person-centered service plan is transitioned to a participant-directed set of service arrangements, the overall budget is not more than the costs of delivering the services under the previous provider-driven plan.

The document Self Determination in Long Term Care is an attachment to the MI Choice contract and includes mandatory budget forms that each waiver agency uses to consistently create budgets for each participant across the state. The waiver agency does not set rates, although the waiver agency often assists the participants with setting rates by suggesting a range of hourly rates, because participants commonly are not knowledgeable about how to set rates or what an appropriate rate would be. MDHHS also offers and allows participants to have a supports broker assist with the self-determination process, including setting rates and assisting with appeals. Waiver agencies do have authority to approve budgets.
A waiver agency may use a pre-determined amount based on the local usual and customary waiver costs for the identified services as a starting point for budget development. This amount is based on historic utilization of funds by the participant. If the participant is new to the system, then the pre-determined amount is based upon the average cost of services for individuals who have comparable needs and circumstances in the waiver agency’s service system. Where rates for services are negotiated, the rates must be sufficient for the participant to access an adequate array of qualified providers. If rates are determined by the participant to be insufficient, the waiver agency reviews the budget with the participant using a person-centered planning process.

On behalf of the waiver agency, the supports coordinator authorizes the funds in an individual budget. The supports coordinator must share the cost estimating information with the participant and his or her allies. The target may be exceeded for any individual, but the supports coordinator typically obtains approval from a supervisor within the waiver agency for those higher increments of cost. The waiver agency is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the budget and making adjustments as necessary to ensure that the budget is sufficient to accomplish the plan and maintain the health and welfare of the participant. To this end, the fiscal intermediary provides monthly reports on budget utilization to the participant and the waiver agency. The supports coordinator is expected to review the status of each participant’s monthly budget utilization report and confers with the participant as necessary to support success with implementing the plan, staying on budget, and obtaining needed services. An independent supports broker may share this task as determined during the planning process and outlined in the service plan.

Budget development occurs during the person-centered planning process and is intended to involve the participant’s chosen family members and allies. Planning for services and supports precedes the development of the individual budget so that needs and preferences can be accounted for in service plan development without arbitrarily restricting options and preferences due to cost considerations. An individual budget is not authorized until both the participant and the waiver agency have agreed to the amount and its use. In the event that the participant is not satisfied with the authorized individual budget, the person-centered planning process may be reconvened. If the person-centered planning process is not acceptable, the participant may utilize the internal grievance procedure of the waiver agency.

Guidance provided to participants by waiver agencies:

MDHHS uses a retrospective zero-based method for developing an individual budget. This means the amount of the individual budget is determined by costing out the services and supports in the service plan, after a service plan that meets the individual’s needs and goals is developed. Budgeting worksheets are provided by MDHHS to uniformly calculate budgets across the state. The participant and the waiver agency agree to the amounts of the individual budget before the waiver agency authorizes it for use by the participant. The waiver agency explores options in terms of preferences as well as costs with the participant with the aim for arrangements that improve value.

The waiver agency ensures that all waiver participants have a meaningful copy of the person-centered service plan and the individual budget. The waiver agency also ensures the provision of a monthly spending report based on the individual budget and services used. The waiver agency follows up with participants when spending has a variance of 10% above or below the total monthly budget.

The participant and his or her allies are fully involved in the budget development process and the participant understands the options and limitations for using the funds in the individual budget to obtain the services and supports in the person-centered service plan. The supports coordinator informs participants in writing of the options for, and limitations on, flexibility and portability. Waiver agencies must inform participants as to how, when, and what kind of changes they can make to their individual budget without support coordinator approval and when such changes require approval.

Internal Appeal:
The waiver agency would send the participant a Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination if their request for a budget adjustment was denied, reduced, or suspended. The participant has the opportunity to appeal first with the waiver agency.

Fair Hearing Process:

When there is an internal appeal that upholds the decision to deny, reduce or suspend, or the waiver agency does not respond within the required timeframe, the participant would be provided with the Notice of Internal Appeal Decision - Denial Notice and State Fair Hearing rights and the Hearing Request Form. At this time, the participant would be able to file a State Fair Hearing.

These letters, which are reviewed during the MDHHS Administrative Quality Assurance Review, give instructions on how to file an appeal and request a Fair Hearing by contacting the waiver agency or MDHHS directly. Information on how to file an appeal is also included in the MI Choice Participant Handbook.

Each waiver agency has an internal grievance process that the participant can use.

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b. Participant - Budget Authority

iii. Informing Participant of Budget Amount. Describe how the State informs each participant of the amount of the participant-directed budget and the procedures by which the participant may request an adjustment in the budget amount.

Materials provided by the waiver agency include written information on the development of the individual budget. During the planning process, a participant is provided clear information and an explanation of current service costs and allotments, along with information that provides guidance on developing and utilizing provider rates that would be applied by the participant during individual budget implementation.

As noted in section E-2(b)(ii) above, the budget is developed in conjunction with the development of the service plan, using the person-centered planning process. If a participant has an existing person-centered service plan that meets his or her needs, an individual budget to implement the existing plan can be developed through the person-centered planning process. Budget authorization is contingent upon the participant and the waiver agency reaching agreement on the amount of the budget and on the methods to be applied by the participant to implement the service plan and the individual budget. The budget is provided to the participant in written form as an attachment to the Self-Determination Agreement that outlines the expectations and obligations of the participant and the waiver agency. The participant's person-centered service plan and individual budget is also attached to the agreement.

The supports coordinator provides assistance to the participant in understanding the budget and how to utilize it. In situations where the participant has an independent supports broker, the broker assists the participant in understanding and applying the budget. The participant may seek an adjustment to the individual budget by requesting this from their supports coordinator. The supports coordinator assists the individual in convening a meeting that includes the participant’s chosen family members and allies, and assures facilitation of a person-centered planning process to review and reconsider the budget. A change in the budget is not effective unless the participant and the waiver agency authorize the change.

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b. Participant - Budget Authority

iv. Participant Exercise of Budget Flexibility. Select one:

- Modifications to the participant directed budget must be preceded by a change in the service plan.
- The participant has the authority to modify the services included in the participant directed budget without prior approval.

Specify how changes in the participant-directed budget are documented, including updating the service plan. When prior review of changes is required in certain circumstances, describe the circumstances and specify the entity that reviews the proposed change:

Guidance provided to participants outlines the options for flexible application of the individual budget, with the expectation that the use of budgeted funds are to acquire and direct the provision of services and supports authorized in the person-centered service plan. These options include:

a. Service authorizations allow flexibility across time periods (e.g. month, quarter, etc.) so that participants may schedule providers to meet their needs according to their preferences and individual circumstances. In situations where actual utilization is not exactly the same as initially planned utilization, no notification is necessary on the part of the participant. However, parameters are contained in waiver agency contracts with providers of Fiscal Intermediary services that define ranges of monthly variation outside of what the fiscal intermediary is required to flag for attention and review by the participant and the participant’s supports coordinator. The participant must be able to shift funds between line items as long as the funding pays for the services and supports identified in the person-centered service plan. Participants may negotiate rates with providers that are different from the rates that the budget is based upon, so long as the participant remains within the overall framework of their respective budgets. These utilization patterns and actual cost differences appear in monthly budget reports provided by the fiscal intermediary. The supports coordinator is expected to review monthly budget reports and interact with the participant to assure that implementation is occurring successfully. When a participant is intending to significantly modify the relative amount of services in comparison to
their person-centered service plan, they are expected to inform the fiscal intermediary and the supports coordinator.

b. When a participant wants to significantly alter the goals and objectives in the person-centered service plan or obtain authorization of a new service that effects allocation of funds within the budget, the adjustment must be considered through the person-centered planning process and mutually agreed upon by the waiver agency and participant, even if the overall budget amount does not change. The changes are reflected in the person-centered service plan and individual budget and appended to the participant’s Self-Determination Agreement.

c. When the participant is not satisfied with the service plan and individual budget that result from the person-centered planning process, the participant may reconvene a person-centered planning meeting, request an internal appeal with the waiver agency, file a fair hearing request if necessary after the internal appeal with the waiver agency, or utilize an informal grievance procedure offered by the waiver agency.

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b. Participant - Budget Authority

v. Expenditure Safeguards. Describe the safeguards that have been established for the timely prevention of the premature depletion of the participant-directed budget or to address potential service delivery problems that may be associated with budget underutilization and the entity (or entities) responsible for implementing these safeguards:

The fiscal intermediary provides monthly reports to both the participant and the waiver agency and flags over or under expenditures of ten percent in any line item in the budget. This procedure helps ensure that the parties have sufficient notice to take action to manage an over expenditure before the budget is depleted and to avoid any threats to the participant's health and welfare that may be indicated by an under expenditure. The supports coordinator is responsible for monitoring the reports and the arrangements to ensure that the participant is obtaining the services and supports identified in the person-centered service plan. Any party can use the report to convene a person-centered planning meeting to address an issue related to expenditures.

Appendix F: Participant Rights

Appendix F-1: Opportunity to Request a Fair Hearing

The State provides an opportunity to request a Fair Hearing under 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart E to individuals: (a) who are not given the choice of home and community-based services as an alternative to the institutional care specified in Item 1-F of the request; (b) are denied the service(s) of their choice or the provider(s) of their choice; or, (c) whose services are denied, suspended, reduced or terminated. The State provides notice of action as required in 42 CFR §431.210.

Procedures for Offering Opportunity to Request a Fair Hearing. Describe how the individual (or his/her legal representative) is informed of the opportunity to request a fair hearing under 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart E. Specify the notice(s) that are used to offer individuals the opportunity to request a Fair Hearing. State laws, regulations, policies and notices referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the operating or Medicaid agency.

The information below is based on requirements under 42 CFR 438.400...through 42 CFR 438.424.

Adequate Notice

An Adequate Notice is provided to the individual seeking services, allowing immediate access to a State Fair Hearing in the following situations:
- when adding an individual on the waiting list because the waiver agency is at maximum capacity,
- when an individual is not put on the waiting list or assessed because you do not meet criteria according to the MI Choice Intake Guidelines (MIG),
- when an individual does not meet Nursing Facility Level of Care criteria, or
- when an individual does not get enrolled because there is not a need for a MI Choice service.

Adverse Benefit Determination Notice

Waiver agencies also use the Adverse Benefit Determination Notice. This allows for the opportunity for internal review with the waiver agency prior to the individual requesting a State Fair Hearing in some situations.
- The waiver agency provides this Notice to the individual when denying a requested service that is not already in place. This is effective on the decision date.
- The Adverse Benefit Determination Notice is also used when terminating, suspending, reducing a service that is in place, and is provided to the participant 10 days before the effective date, unless there is an exception. As long as a written request is received before the effective date, services remain in place until the Notice of Resolution is sent to the participant.
- If a determination is being made or action is being taken based upon suspect of fraud, the Adverse Benefit Determination Notice is sent to the individual but may only be sent 5 days before the effective date.
Notice of Resolution
This Notice is sent to inform the participant of the outcome of the internal appeal process when the internal appeal decision is unfavorable to the participant. Information about how to request a State Fair Hearing must also be provided to the individual. Benefits must be continued when:
- Request for State Fair Hearing is received within 10 days of the Notice of Resolution AND
- The participant requests continuation of benefits

The participant may also request a State Fair Hearing if the waiver agency does not send Notice of Resolution for internal appeal within 30 days of written request.

Appendix F: Participant-Rights

Appendix F-2: Additional Dispute Resolution Process

a. Availability of Additional Dispute Resolution Process. Indicate whether the State operates another dispute resolution process that offers participants the opportunity to appeal decisions that adversely affect their services while preserving their right to a Fair Hearing. Select one:

○ No. This Appendix does not apply
○ Yes. The State operates an additional dispute resolution process

b. Description of Additional Dispute Resolution Process. Describe the additional dispute resolution process, including: (a) the State agency that operates the process; (b) the nature of the process (i.e., procedures and timeframes), including the types of disputes addressed through the process; and, (c) how the right to a Medicaid Fair Hearing is preserved when a participant elects to make use of the process: State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the operating or Medicaid agency.

The following describes the second level review criteria for applicants who did not meet the Michigan Medicaid Nursing Facility Level of Care Determination (LOCD). At random and whenever indicated, the MDHHS designee will perform reviews to validate the Michigan Medicaid Nursing Facility LOCD.

If an ineligible applicant is issued an Adverse Action notice from the waiver agency based on an LOCD, the applicant has the right to request a hearing using the Medicaid Fair Hearing process. The applicant also has the right to request an Immediate Review through the MDHHS designee. An Immediate Review is not an appeal; it is another medical/functional review. Medicaid pending or Medicaid eligible beneficiaries may contact the MDHHS designee to request an Immediate Review.

A waiver agency may also request a review as part of the Exception Review. This is available for Medicaid financially pending or Medicaid financially eligible beneficiaries who do not meet medical and functional eligibility based on the web-based Michigan Medicaid Nursing Facility LOCD criteria, but demonstrate a significant level of long term care need.

Upon approval of MDHHS, or its designee, applicants exhibiting the following characteristics and behaviors may be admitted to programs requiring the Nursing Facility Level of Care. An applicant need trigger only one element to be considered for an exception.

Frailty: The applicant has a significant level of frailty as demonstrated by at least one of the following categories:

• Applicant performs late loss ADLs (bed mobility, toileting, transferring, and eating) independently but requires an unreasonable amount of time.
• Applicant's performance is impacted by consistent shortness of breath, pain, or debilitating weakness during any activity.
• Applicant has experienced at least two falls in the home in the past month.
• Applicant continues to have difficulties managing medications despite the receipt of medication set-up services.
• Applicant exhibits evidence of poor nutrition, such as continued weight loss, despite the receipt of meal preparation services.
• Applicant meets criteria for Door 3 of the Michigan Medicaid Nursing Facility Level of Care when emergency room visits for clearly unstable conditions are considered.

Behaviors: The applicant has a one month history of any of the following behaviors, and has exhibited two or more of any these behaviors in the last seven days, either singly or in combination:

• Wandering
• Verbal or physical abuse
• Socially inappropriate behavior
• Resists care

Treatments: The applicant has demonstrated a need for complex treatments or nursing care.
This review process does not impact the applicant’s right to access the Medicaid Fair Hearing process. If MDHHS, or its designee, affirms the original determination after the Exception Review, the applicant is given an Adequate Action Notice to inform them of their right to an administrative hearing.

Each waiver agency also has its own internal complaint process. MDHHS requires the agency to notify all participants of this process. This process cannot replace the MDHHS process, but the participant can pursue both processes at the same time. MDHHS reviews the complaint policies and procedures during the Administrative Quality Assurance Review process.

Appendix F: Participant-Rights

Appendix F-3: State Grievance/Complaint System

a. Operation of Grievance/Complaint System. Select one:

- ☐ No. This Appendix does not apply
- ☐ Yes. The State operates a grievance/complaint system that affords participants the opportunity to register grievances or complaints concerning the provision of services under this waiver

b. Operational Responsibility. Specify the State agency that is responsible for the operation of the grievance/complaint system:

   

c. Description of System. Describe the grievance/complaint system, including: (a) the types of grievances/complaints that participants may register; (b) the process and timelines for addressing grievances/complaints; and, (c) the mechanisms that are used to resolve grievances/complaints. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

Appendix G-1: Response to Critical Events or Incidents

a. Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process. Indicate whether the State operates Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process that enables the State to collect information on sentinel events occurring in the waiver program. Select one:

- ☐ Yes. The State operates a Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process (complete Items b through e)
- ☐ No. This Appendix does not apply (do not complete Items b through e)

If the State does not operate a Critical Event or Incident Reporting and Management Process, describe the process that the State uses to elicit information on the health and welfare of individuals served through the program.

b. State Critical Event or Incident Reporting Requirements. Specify the types of critical events or incidents (including alleged abuse, neglect and exploitation) that the State requires to be reported for review and follow-up action by an appropriate authority, the individuals and/or entities that are required to report such events and incidents and the timelines for reporting. State laws, regulations, and policies that are referenced are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

The types of critical incidents that MDHHS requires to be reported for review and follow-up action are:

Exploitation - An action by an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider that involves the misappropriation or misuse of a recipient's property or funds for the benefit of an individual or individuals other than the recipient.

Illegal activity in the home with potential to cause a serious or major negative event – Any illegal activity in the home that puts the participant or the workers coming into the home at risk.

Neglect - Acts of commission or omission by an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider that result from noncompliance with a standard of care or treatment required by law or rules, policies, guidelines, written directives, procedures, or individual plans of service that cause or contribute to non-serious physical harm or emotional harm, death, or sexual abuse of, serious physical harm to a recipient, or the intentional, knowing or reckless acts of omission or deprivation of essential needs (including medication

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Physical abuse - The use of unreasonable force on a participant with or without apparent harm. Includes unreasonable confinement (physical or chemical restraints, seclusion, and restrictive interventions).

Provider no shows - Instances when a provider is scheduled to be at participant home but does not come and back-up service plan is either not put into effect or fails to get an individual to the participant home in a timely manner. This becomes a critical incident when the participant is bed bound or in critical need and is dependent on others.

Sexual abuse - (i) Criminal sexual conduct as defined by sections 520b to 520e of 1931 PA 318, MCL 750.520b to MCL 750.520e involving an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider and a recipient. (ii) Any sexual contact or sexual penetration involving an employee, volunteer, or agent of a department operated hospital or center, a facility licensed by the department under section 137 of the act or an adult foster care facility and a recipient. (iii) Any sexual contact or sexual penetration involving an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider and a recipient for whom the employee, volunteer, or agent provides direct services.

"Sexual contact" means the intentional touching of the recipient's or employee's intimate parts or the touching of the clothing covering the immediate area of the recipient's or employee's intimate parts, if that intentional touching can reasonably be construed as being for the purpose of sexual arousal or ratification, done for a sexual purpose, or in a sexual manner for any of the following: (i) Revenge. (ii) To inflict humiliation. (iii) Out of anger.

"Sexual penetration" means sexual intercourse, cunnilingus, fellatio, anal intercourse, or any other intrusion, however slight, of any part of a person's body or of any object into the genital or anal openings of another person's body, but emission of semen is not required.

Theft - A person intentionally and fraudulently takes personal property of another without permission or consent and with the intent to convert it to the taker's use (including potential sale).

Verbal abuse - Intimidation or cruel punishment that causes or is likely to cause mental anguish or emotional harm.

Worker consuming drugs or alcohol on the job – Use of any drugs or alcohol that would affect the abilities of the worker to do his or her job.

Unexplained Death - That which does not occur as a natural outcome to a chronic condition (e.g., terminal illness) or old age. These incidents are often also reported to law enforcement.

Medication errors - Wrong medication, wrong dosage, double dosage, or missed dosage which resulted in death or loss of limb or function or the risk thereof.

Suicide - death occurs.

Suicide attempts -- suicide was attempted but no death occurred.

Waiver agencies have first line responsibility for identifying, investigating, evaluating and follow-up of critical incidents that occur with participants as listed above. Waiver agencies maintain policies and procedures defining appropriate actions to take upon suspicion or determination of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Waiver agencies establish local reporting procedures, based on MDHHS requirements, for all complaints and critical incidents that jeopardize or potentially jeopardize the health and welfare of participants conveyed and detected by waiver agencies, provider agencies, individual workers, independent supports brokers and participants and their allies. MDHHS reviews and approves these reporting procedures.

Michigan Public Act 519 of 1982 (as amended) mandates that all human service providers and health care professionals make referrals to the MDHHS Adult Protective Services (MDHHS-APS) unit when the professional suspects or believes an adult is being abused, neglected, or exploited. The Vulnerable Adult Abuse Act (P.A. 149 of 1994) creates a criminal charge of adult abuse for vulnerable adults harmed by a caregiver. Waiver agencies also must report suspected financial abuse per the Financial Abuse Act (MI S.B. 378 of 1999). Policies and procedures that waiver agencies develop must include procedures for follow up activities with MDHHS-APS to determine the result of the reported incident and next steps to be taken if the results are unsatisfactory. All reports of the suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation, as well as the referral to MDHHS-APS, must be maintained in the participant's case record.

Timeframes are as follows:

Waiver agencies should begin to investigate and evaluate critical incidents with the participant within two business days of identification that an incident occurred. Unexplained death that is also reported to law enforcement agencies must be reported to MDHHS within two business days.
Waiver agencies are responsible under contract for tracking and responding to individual critical incidents using the Critical Incident Reporting web-based system. Waiver agencies are required to report the type of critical incidents, the responses to those incidents, and the outcome and resolution of each event within 30 days of the date of incident. The online system allows MDHHS to review the reports in real time and ask questions or address concerns with the waiver agencies.

c. Participant Training and Education. Describe how training and/or information is provided to participants (and/or families or legal representatives, as appropriate) concerning protections from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including how participants (and/or families or legal representatives, as appropriate) can notify appropriate authorities or entities when the participant may have experienced abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Waiver agencies train participants and their families or legal representatives how to identify and report suspected abuse, neglect and exploitation, including who to report incidents to, i.e., waiver agencies, MDHHS-APS, and local law enforcement agencies. The training takes place during face to face interviews with participants either during person-centered planning meetings, assessment visits or follow-up meetings. The training is supported by information included in the MI Choice Participant Handbook, which is provided to each participant upon enrollment, and when requested or otherwise indicated thereafter. This training is conducted by supports coordinators initially during enrollment and initial person-centered planning or assessment, and annually thereafter. Training is provided more frequently when there is indication that it may be needed. Participants are also informed that supports coordinators are mandated to report suspected incidents of abuse to the MDHHS-APS and to MDHHS through incident management reports.

d. Responsibility for Review of and Response to Critical Events or Incidents. Specify the entity (or entities) that receives reports of critical events or incidents specified in item G-1-a, the methods that are employed to evaluate such reports, and the processes and time-frames for responding to critical events or incidents, including conducting investigations.

Waiver agencies manage critical incidents at the local level. Waiver agencies are responsible to receive reports of critical incidents and assure the immediate health and welfare of the participant. The waiver agency must also make sure to report to the following entities:

Exploitation - Required to report to APS, MDHHS
Neglect - Required to report to APS, MDHHS
Verbal abuse - Required to report to APS, MDHHS
Physical abuse - Required to report to APS, MDHHS
Sexual abuse - Required to report to APS, MDHHS
Theft - MDHHS
Provider no shows, particularly when participant is bed bound all day or there is a critical need - MDHHS
Illegal activity in the home with potential to cause a serious or major negative event - local authorities/police, MDHHS
Worker consuming drugs/alcohol on the job - MDHHS
Unexplained Death - Death should be reported to law enforcement if it is a suspicious death possibly linked to abuse or neglect. These types of incidents must also be reported to MDHHS within two business days of the waiver agency receiving the notice.
Medication errors - MDHHS
Suicide and suicide attempts -- MDHHS

Waiver agencies begin to investigate and evaluate critical incidents with the participant within two business days of identification that an incident occurred. Waiver agencies are expected to investigate a critical incident until the participant is no longer in danger. This may include a removal of the service provider effective the date of the incident or it may involve securing an alternate guardian for the participant, which may take several weeks or months. For this reason, MDHHS does not require cases be resolved within a specific timeframe. Cases are only resolved when the participant's health and welfare is assured to the extent possible given the participant's informed choice for assuming risks. However, MDHHS expects to see an attempt at a resolution within 60 days from the date the incident is reported. If the waiver agency does not appear to be resolving the issue in a timely manner, MDHHS will contact the waiver agency to get additional information and provide assistance in resolving the critical incident when possible.

Each waiver agency is required to maintain written policy and procedures defining appropriate action to take upon suspicion of abuse, neglect or exploitation. This includes identifying and evaluating each incident, initiating prevention strategies and interventions approved by participants to reduce or ameliorate further incidents, and follow-up, track, and compile mandatory critical incident reports. The policies and procedures must include procedures for follow-up activities with MDHHS-APS and law enforcement to determine the result of the reported incident and the next steps to be taken if the results are unsatisfactory.
The participant and any chosen family or allies are updated on the investigation as it progresses. Waiver agencies communicate with the participant and family or allies at a minimum of monthly via telephone, but more often as updates or actions occur with the critical incident. Remediation of a critical incident often includes changing services or providers. Supports coordinators use a person-centered planning approach with participants when suggesting and selecting various options to ensure the health and welfare of the participant.

MDHHS evaluates and trends the incident reports submitted by the waiver agencies. Analysis of the strategies employed by the waiver agencies in an attempt to reduce or ameliorate incidents from reoccurring is conducted to ensure that adequate precautions and preventative measures were taken. Training is provided to the waiver agencies as necessary to educate staff on abuse and to strengthen preventive interventions and strategies.

e. Responsibility for Oversight of Critical Incidents and Events. Identify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for overseeing the reporting of and response to critical incidents or events that affect waiver participants, how this oversight is conducted, and how frequently.

MDHHS is the state agency responsible for oversight of reporting and response to critical incidents.

Waiver agencies are required to input critical incidents into the online Critical Incident Reporting system. All critical incident reports must include location of incident, provider involved (if applicable), reporting person, information about the participant, a description of each incident, action steps, strategies implemented to reduce and prevent future incidents from recur and follow-up activities conducted through the resolution of each incident. Waiver agencies must initially enter incidents in the system within 30 days of the date of the incident. MDHHS has access to the Critical Incident Reporting system where they can review reports and follow-up with questions or address concerns with the waiver agencies, including questions on missing information or completeness of the report.

It is required that waiver agencies report suspicious or unexpected deaths to MDHHS within two business days. They can notify MDHHS via phone, email or the Critical Incident Reporting system and must follow-up with the formal report due within 30 days of the date of incident.

MDHHS monitors and reviews report submissions. MDHHS reviews, evaluates, and trends individual and summary incident reports submitted by the waiver agencies at a minimum of every quarter. MDHHS reviews reports that involve providers and alert waiver agencies if a trend is discovered so new providers can be secured, if necessary. Analysis of the strategies employed by waiver agencies in an attempt to reduce or prevent incidents from reoccurring is conducted to ensure that adequate precautions and preventative measures were taken. MDHHS also verifies that waiver agencies use appropriate related planned services and supportive interventions to prevent future incidents. Training is provided to waiver agencies as necessary to educate staff on abuse and to strengthen preventive interventions and strategies. MDHHS also verifies that waiver agencies report incidents of abuse, neglect and exploitation to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Service Adult Protective Services (MDHHS-APS) as required.

Aggregate reports are created and shared with waiver agencies and with the Quality Management Collaborative to assist in identifying trends or issues that need to be addressed system-wide to prevent or reduce future occurrences.

Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

Appendix G-2: Safeguards Concerning Restraints and Restrictive Interventions (1 of 3)

a. Use of Restraints. (Select one): For waiver actions submitted before March 2014, responses in Appendix G-2-a will display information for both restraints and seclusion. For most waiver actions submitted after March 2014, responses regarding seclusion appear in Appendix G-2-c.

- The State does not permit or prohibits the use of restraints

  Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of restraints and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:

  MDHHS contracts with an EQRO that has qualified reviewers who conduct annual CQARs and home visits (additional detail about the CQAR is available in Appendix H). The EQRO reviews a representative sample of case records during the CQAR. If a reviewer finds any situations that would classify as a critical incident or use of restraints, seclusions or restrictive interventions in the file, they will confirm to see if the waiver agency submitted a critical incident report. If there was not a report, the EQRO would consider this a non-evident finding and would require an immediate corrective action to address the specific critical incident identified, as well as a plan to prevent the lack of reporting from occurring again.

  Supports coordinators also discuss the waiver program and services with participants during monthly contacts. Any displeasure communicated at that time is vetted thoroughly and instances of restraint usage are discussed. The supports coordinator will include alternatives to using restraints during the discussion. When a paid provider uses restraints, additional follow-up with the provider is required since Michigan does not allow use of restraints by paid providers.

- The use of restraints is permitted during the course of the delivery of waiver services. Complete Items G-2-a-i and G-2-a-ii.
i. **Safeguards Concerning the Use of Restraints.** Specify the safeguards that the State has established concerning the use of each type of restraint (i.e., personal restraints, drugs used as restraints, mechanical restraints). State laws, regulations, and policies that are referenced are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

ii. **State Oversight Responsibility.** Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for overseeing the use of restraints and ensuring that State safeguards concerning their use are followed and how such oversight is conducted and its frequency:

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**Appendix G: Participant Safeguards**

**Appendix G-2: Safeguards Concerning Restraints and Restrictive Interventions (2 of 3)**

**b. Use of Restrictive Interventions.** *(Select one):*

- ☑ The State does not permit or prohibits the use of restrictive interventions

Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of restrictive interventions and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:

MDHHS prohibits providers from using restrictive interventions as part of the provision of waiver services. Lap belts used to keep a person secure in their wheelchair and other restrictive interventions can only be used if a participant requests this intervention through the person-centered planning process and it is clearly documented in the participant's person-centered service plan.

MDHHS contracts with an EQRO that has qualified reviewers conduct annual CQARs and home visits. Part of this process is a discovery process to examine the use of restrictive interventions by family and informal caregivers. The EQRO reviews a representative sample of case records during the CQAR. If a reviewer finds any situations that would classify as a critical incident or use of restraints, seclusions or restrictive interventions in the file, they will confirm to see if the waiver agency submitted a critical incident report. If there was not a report, the EQRO would consider this a non-evident finding and would require an immediate corrective action to address the specific critical incident identified, as well as a plan to prevent the lack of reporting from happening again. Upon the waiver agency reporting the critical incident in the online database, MDHHS would look for information in the critical incident that addresses ways to prevent this restrictive action from occurring again.

The supports coordinator also discusses the waiver program and services with participants during their monthly contact. Any displeasure communicated at that time is vetted thoroughly and instances of restrictive interventions are investigated.

- ☐ The use of restrictive interventions is permitted during the course of the delivery of waiver services Complete Items G-2-b-i and G-2-b-ii.

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**Appendix G-2: Safeguards Concerning Restraints and Restrictive Interventions (3 of 3)**

**c. Use of Seclusion.** *(Select one):* *(This section will be blank for waivers submitted before Appendix G-2-c was added to WMS in March 2014, and responses for seclusion will display in Appendix G-2-a combined with information on restraints.)*

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The State does not permit or prohibits the use of seclusion

Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for detecting the unauthorized use of seclusion and how this oversight is conducted and its frequency:

MDHHS prohibits providers from using seclusion as part of the provision of waiver services.

MDHHS contracts with an EQRO that has qualified reviewers conduct annual CQARs and home visits. Part of this process is a discovery process to examine the use of seclusion by family and informal caregivers. The EQRO reviews a representative sample of case records during the CQAR. If a reviewer finds any situations that would classify as a critical incident or use of restraints, seclusions or restrictive interventions in the file, they will confirm to see if the waiver agency submitted a report. If there was not a report, The EQRO would consider this a non-evident finding and would require an immediate corrective action to address the specific critical incident identified, as well as a plan to prevent the lack of reporting from happening again. Upon the waiver agency reporting the critical incident in the online database, MDHHS would look for information in the critical incident that addresses ways to prevent this seclusion from occurring again.

The supports coordinator also discusses the waiver program and services with participants during their monthly contact. Any displeasure communicated at that time is vetted thoroughly and instances of seclusion are investigated.

The use of seclusion is permitted during the course of the delivery of waiver services. Complete Items G-2-c-i and G-2-c-ii.

i. Safeguards Concerning the Use of Seclusion. Specify the safeguards that the State has established concerning the use of each type of seclusion. State laws, regulations, and policies that are referenced are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

ii. State Oversight Responsibility. Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for overseeing the use of seclusion and ensuring that State safeguards concerning their use are followed and how such oversight is conducted and its frequency:

Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

Appendix G-3: Medication Management and Administration (1 of 2)

This Appendix must be completed when waiver services are furnished to participants who are served in licensed or unlicensed living arrangements where a provider has round-the-clock responsibility for the health and welfare of residents. The Appendix does not need to be completed when waiver participants are served exclusively in their own personal residences or in the home of a family member.

a. Applicability. Select one:

- No. This Appendix is not applicable (do not complete the remaining items)
- Yes. This Appendix applies (complete the remaining items)

b. Medication Management and Follow-Up

i. Responsibility. Specify the entity (or entities) that have ongoing responsibility for monitoring participant medication regimens, the methods for conducting monitoring, and the frequency of monitoring.

Most MI Choice participants live in their own homes, in which case the waiver agencies have ongoing responsibility for second line management and monitoring of participant medication regimens (first line management and monitoring is the responsibility of the prescribing medical professional). As part of the assessment and reassessment (reassessments are conducted in person 90 days after the initial assessment, with a reassessment occurring annually thereafter, or upon a significant change in the participant's condition), supports coordinators collect complete information about the participant's medications, including what each medication is for, the frequency and dosage. An RN supports coordinator reviews the medication list for potential errors such as duplication, inappropriate dosing, or drug interactions. The RN supports coordinator is also responsible for contacting the physician(s) when there are questions or concerns regarding the participant's medication regimen. Regular supports coordinator monitoring of participants includes general monitoring of the effectiveness of the participant’s medication regimens. These monitoring activities are conducted through case record review, face-to-face meetings with participants, and discussion with direct care and other staff as appropriate.

If a death or injury requiring emergency treatment or hospitalization is the result of a medication error, the waiver agency must follow-up to address the participant’s health and welfare as applicable, submit a report via the critical incident
reporting system and conduct an investigation. The same is true if a medication error results in the death of a participant with
the additional requirement that the waiver agency contact the local authorities for a legal investigation.

Michigan’s Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) licenses and certifies Adult Foster Care and Homes for
the Aged. A significant number of MI Choice participants reside in these types of settings. Licensing rules dictate the
requirements for medication, including storage, staff training, administration, and the reporting of medication errors. LARA
licensing inspections occur every two years, as well as conducting special investigations when needed. These individuals
also benefit from additional review of medications by the supports coordinators during assessment and reassessments.

The Michigan Administrative Rule 330.7158 addresses medication administration:
(1) A provider shall only administer medication at the order of a physician and in compliance with the provisions of section
719 of the act, if applicable.
(2) A provider shall assure that medication use conforms to federal standards and the standards of the medical community.
(3) A provider shall not use medication as punishment, for the convenience of the staff, or as a substitute for other
appropriate treatment.
(4) A provider shall review the administration of a psychotropic medication periodically as set forth in the recipient’s
individual plan of service and based upon the recipient’s clinical status.
(5) If an individual cannot administer his or her own medication, a provider shall ensure that medication is administered by
or under the supervision of personnel who are qualified and trained.
(6) A provider shall record the administration of all medication in the recipient's clinical record.
(7) A provider shall ensure that medication errors and adverse drug reactions are immediately and properly reported to a
physician and recorded in the recipient's clinical record.

ii. Methods of State Oversight and Follow-Up. Describe: (a) the method(s) that the State uses to ensure that participant
medications are managed appropriately, including: (a) the identification of potentially harmful practices (e.g., the concurrent
use of contraindicated medications); (b) the method(s) for following up on potentially harmful practices; and, (c) the State
agency (or agencies) that is responsible for follow-up and oversight.

The state requires waiver agencies to report medication errors that required medical follow-up or hospitalization as a critical
incident in the Critical Incident Reporting system. The waiver agencies must report these incidents within 30 days and
MDHHS reviews those reports. MDHHS also reviews aggregate reports to determine any trends or issues that need to be
addressed.

MDHHS is responsible for follow-up and oversight of proper medication management practices. MDHHS contracts an
EQRO that employs qualified reviewers who conduct an annual CQAR process to meet CMS requirements for the review of
service plan authorizations and case record reviews. As part of the review, qualified reviewers examine assessment data
including the medication list. If any potentially harmful practices are found that were not addressed by supports
coordinators, qualified reviewers will report this and a corrective action plan will be required. MDHHS may require the
waiver agencies to receive additional technical assistance or training as a result of CQAR and critical incident data.

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Appendix G-3: Medication Management and Administration (2 of 2)

iii. Medication Error Reporting. Select one of the following:

Providers that are responsible for medication administration are required to both record and report medication
errors to a State agency (or agencies).
Complete the following three items:

(a) Specify State agency (or agencies) to which errors are reported:

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

(b) Specify the types of medication errors that providers are required to record:

Medication errors that required medical follow-up or hospitalization. "Medication errors" means wrong medication, wrong dosage, double dosage, or missed dosage which resulted in death or loss of limb or function or the risk thereof. Providers who administer medications or assist individuals with medications complete an incident report if a medication error occurs. Refusals would be documented on the medication administration sheet maintained by the provider. It does not include instances in which consumers have refused medication. Critical incident reporting requirements require a report when those medication errors result in an actual or potential loss of life, limb, or function, or pose a risk of psychological harm.

(c) Specify the types of medication errors that providers must report to the State:

Medication errors that required medical follow-up or hospitalization. "Medication errors" means wrong medication, wrong dosage, double dosage, or missed dosage which resulted in death or loss of limb or function or the risk thereof. Providers who administer medications or assist individuals with medications complete an incident report if a medication error occurs. Refusals would be documented on the medication administration sheet maintained by the provider. It does not include instances in which consumers have refused medication. Critical incident reporting requirements require a report when those medication errors result in an actual or potential loss of life, limb, or function, or pose a risk of psychological harm.

Providers responsible for medication administration are required to record medication errors but make information about medication errors available only when requested by the State.

Specify the types of medication errors that providers are required to record:

iv. State Oversight Responsibility. Specify the State agency (or agencies) responsible for monitoring the performance of waiver providers in the administration of medications to waiver participants and how monitoring is performed and its frequency.

The state requires waiver agencies to report medication errors that required medical follow-up or hospitalization as a critical incident in the Critical Incident Reporting system. The waiver agencies must report these incidents within 30 days and MDHHS is responsible for oversight and reviews each incident. MDHHS reviews aggregate reports to determine any trends or issues that need to be addressed.

MDHHS contracts with an EQRO that employs qualified reviewers who conduct an annual CQAR process to meet CMS requirements for the review of service plan authorizations and case record reviews. As part of the review, qualified reviewers examine assessment data including the medication list. If any potentially harmful practices are found that were not addressed by supports coordinators, qualified reviewers will report this and a corrective action plan will be required. MDHHS may require waiver agencies or service providers to receive additional technical assistance or training as a result of CQAR and critical incident data.

Appendix G: Participant Safeguards

Quality Improvement: Health and Welfare

As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.


The state demonstrates it has designed and implemented an effective system for assuring waiver participant health and welfare. (For waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014, this assurance read “The State, on an ongoing basis, identifies, addresses, and seeks to prevent the occurrence of abuse, neglect and exploitation.”)

i. Sub-Assurances:

a. Sub-assurance: The state demonstrates on an ongoing basis that it identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent instances of abuse, neglect, exploitation and unexplained death. (Performance measures in this sub-assurance include all Appendix G performance measures for waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014.)

Performance Measures
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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of participant critical incidents for which investigations by the waiver agencies were resolved within 60 days. Numerator: Number of critical incidents for which investigations were resolved within 60 days. Denominator: Total number of participant critical incidents. Exclude those incidents requiring law enforcement or external entity involvement.

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of participants or legal guardians who report having received information and education in the prior year about how to report abuse, neglect, exploitation and other critical incidents. Numerator: Number of participants or legal guardians who report having received information and education in the prior year. Denominator: Number of participant home visits conducted.

Data Source (Select one):
- Record reviews, off-site

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**Performance Measure:**
Number and percent of critical incidents due to unexplained death reported within two business days of notification that the incident occurred. Numerator: Number of critical incidents due to unexplained death reported within two business days of notification the incident occurred. Denominator: Total number of critical incidents due to unexplained death.

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of all critical incidents EXCEPT unexplained death reported within 30 days of notification that the incident occurred. Numerator: Number of all critical incidents EXCEPT unexplained death reported within 30 days of notification that the incident occurred. Denominator: Total number of all critical incidents except unexplained death.

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b. Sub-assurance: The state demonstrates that an incident management system is in place that effectively resolves those incidents and prevents further similar incidents to the extent possible.

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of waiver agencies that utilize the Critical Incident Database to track incidents through effective resolution. Numerator: Number of waiver agencies that utilize the Critical Incident Database to track incidents through effective resolution. Denominator: All waiver agencies.

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of waiver agencies with staff who have completed required training to prevent incidents. Numerator: Number of waiver agencies with staff who have completed required training to prevent incidents. Denominator: All waiver agencies.

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c. **Sub-assurance:** The state policies and procedures for the use or prohibition of restrictive interventions (including restraints and seclusion) are followed.

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**Performance Measure:**
Number and percent of unauthorized use of restraints, restrictive interventions, or seclusions that were reported as a critical incident. Numerator: Number of unauthorized use of restraints, restrictive interventions, or seclusions. Denominator: Number of unauthorized use of restraints, restrictive interventions, or seclusions.

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Performance Measure:
Number and percent of participants with an individualized contingency plan for emergencies (e.g., severe weather or unscheduled absence of caregiver). Numerator: Number of participants with an individualized contingency plan for emergencies. Denominator: Number of participant files reviewed.

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ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible. Waiver agencies continuously monitor the health and welfare of participants and initiate remedial actions when appropriate. The state identifies, addresses, and seeks to prevent the occurrence of abuse, neglect, and exploitation on an ongoing basis.

Additional Strategies

1) Waiver agencies conduct risk management (RM) planning with participants during person-centered planning. RM planning includes strategies and methods for addressing health and welfare issues. Supports coordinators negotiate RM with the participant through the person-centered planning process. Supports coordinators and participants monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of RM plans, i.e., which strategies work and which do not work effectively with that given participant. RM planning and updates occur at reassessment (quarterly or semi-annually) or more frequently as needed. Supports coordinators document RM planning in the service plan.

2) The EQRO verifies that RM planning is occurring during the CQARs conducted annually. The EQRO report includes findings in written monitoring reports, with corrective actions and training as needed. MDHHS, waiver agencies and the QM Collaboration review reports.

3) Waiver agencies train participants, workers, staff, and supports brokers on how to report abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Technical assistance and training records include attendance by date and total number of attendees, topic and content, and training evaluations.

4) Waiver agencies use Quality Indicators (QI) extracted via a report from their assessment data base to measure 20 Participant Health Status Outcomes. Two Quality Indicators address abuse and neglect. The first is Prevalence of neglect/abuse. The numerator for this indicator is the number of clients who have unexplained injuries or have been abused or neglected. The denominator is all clients. The second is the Prevalence of any injuries. The numerator for this indicator is the number of clients with fractures or unexplained injuries. The denominator is all clients. The waiver agencies can examine records for participants scoring into either of these quality indicators to assure that the participant’s plan of service contains interventions for the indicator, including methods to prevent future occurrences. Waiver agency staff runs and monitors the reports quarterly. MDHHS has access to these reports for review and analysis.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems

i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. In addition, provide information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

The waiver agency periodically examines Quality Indicator (QI) reports. For each QI, waiver agency staff obtains a list of participants who scored into that indicator. Waiver agency staff can then drill down to determine the reason that each participant scored into the specific indicator and whether or not supports coordinators included appropriate interventions for the identified issue on the service plan. Waiver agency staff initiates corrective actions as needed after the thorough examination of the data.

MDHHS reviews critical incident reports at a minimum of once every quarter. During this review, MDHHS reviews the data to ensure investigations were started and reports were submitted within the required timeframes. If during the review any critical incidents were discovered to not be investigated within required timeframes, the waiver agency must begin investigation within two business days of the finding. If an investigation had already been started but not in a timely manner, the waiver agency must include information in their corrective action plan that will explain how they will ensure future critical incidents are investigated timely. The waiver agency must also follow-up with MDHHS as the investigation of the specific incident is conducted.

If any critical incidents are found to have not been reported within required timeframes, the waiver agency must submit reports for those critical incidents within two weeks. If any critical incident was reported but not within required timeframes, the waiver agency must include information in the corrective action plan that will explain how they will ensure future reports are submitted timely.

During the CQAR, qualified reviewers conduct home visits with a sample of participants from each waiver agency. If during those home visits any participants or legal guardians report not receiving information and education on how to report abuse, neglect, exploitation and other critical incidents, information and education must be provided to those participants or guardians within two weeks, and documentation proving this information has been provided must be submitted to MDHHS and kept in the participant record.

Qualified reviewers examine a sample of participant files and look for individualized contingency plans for emergencies. If any participants are missing these plans, the waiver agency will be required to develop a contingency plan within two weeks and then must provide a copy of the contingency plan to the participant, to MDHHS, and keep one copy in the participant’s record.
The EQRO reviews a representative sample of case records during the CQAR. If a reviewer finds any situations that would classify as a critical incident or use of restraints, seclusions or restrictive interventions in the file, they will confirm to see if the waiver agency submitted a report. If there was not a report, the EQRO would consider this a non-evident finding that would require an immediate corrective action to address the specific critical incident identified, as well as a plan to prevent future occurrences of the critical incident and development of methods to assure timely reporting in the future.

The waiver agency must submit a critical incident report within two business days. The critical incident report must include all information about how the incident was investigated and how it is being followed up on. The waiver agency must update MDHHS as the investigation continues. The corrective action plan must also describe how the waiver agency will prevent the lack of reporting from happening again.

**ii. Remediation Data Aggregation**

Remediation-related Data Aggregation and Analysis (including trend identification)

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**c. Timelines**

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Health and Welfare that are currently non-operational.

- ○ No
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Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Health and Welfare, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.

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**Appendix H: Quality Improvement Strategy (1 of 2)**

Under §1915(c) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR §441.302, the approval of an HCBS waiver requires that CMS determine that the State has made satisfactory assurances concerning the protection of participant health and welfare, financial accountability and other elements of waiver operations. Renewal of an existing waiver is contingent upon review by CMS and a finding by CMS that the assurances have been met. By completing the HCBS waiver application, the State specifies how it has designed the waiver’s critical processes, structures and operational features in order to meet these assurances.

- Quality Improvement is a critical operational feature that an organization employs to continually determine whether it operates in accordance with the approved design of its program, meets statutory and regulatory assurances and requirements, achieves desired outcomes, and identifies opportunities for improvement.

CMS recognizes that a state’s waiver Quality Improvement Strategy may vary depending on the nature of the waiver target population, the services offered, and the waiver’s relationship to other public programs, and will extend beyond regulatory requirements. However, for the purpose of this application, the State is expected to have, at the minimum, systems in place to measure and improve its own performance in meeting six specific waiver assurances and requirements.

It may be more efficient and effective for a Quality Improvement Strategy to span multiple waivers and other long-term care services. CMS recognizes the value of this approach and will ask the state to identify other waiver programs and long-term care services that are addressed in the Quality Improvement Strategy.
Quality Improvement Strategy: Minimum Components

The Quality Improvement Strategy that will be in effect during the period of the approved waiver is described throughout the waiver in the appendices corresponding to the statutory assurances and sub-assurances. Other documents cited must be available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if appropriate).

In the QIS discovery and remediation sections throughout the application (located in Appendices A, B, C, D, G, and I), a state spells out:

- The evidence based discovery activities that will be conducted for each of the six major waiver assurances;
- The remediation activities followed to correct individual problems identified in the implementation of each of the assurances;

In Appendix H of the application, a State describes (1) the system improvement activities followed in response to aggregated, analyzed discovery and remediation information collected on each of the assurances; (2) the correspondent roles/responsibilities of those conducting assessing and prioritizing improving system corrections and improvements; and (3) the processes the state will follow to continuously assess the effectiveness of the QIS and revise it as necessary and appropriate.

If the State's Quality Improvement Strategy is not fully developed at the time the waiver application is submitted, the state may provide a work plan to fully develop its Quality Improvement Strategy, including the specific tasks the State plans to undertake during the period the waiver is in effect, the major milestones associated with these tasks, and the entity (or entities) responsible for the completion of these tasks.

When the Quality Improvement Strategy spans more than one waiver and/or other types of long-term care services under the Medicaid State plan, specify the control numbers for the other waiver programs and/or identify the other long-term services that are addressed in the Quality Improvement Strategy. In instances when the QIS spans more than one waiver, the State must be able to stratify information that is related to each approved waiver program. Unless the State has requested and received approval from CMS for the consolidation of multiple waivers for the purpose of reporting, then the State must stratify information that is related to each approved waiver program, i.e., employ a representative sample for each waiver.

Appendix H: Quality Improvement Strategy (2 of 2)

H-1: Systems Improvement

a. System Improvements

i. Describe the process(es) for trending, prioritizing, and implementing system improvements (i.e., design changes) prompted as a result of an analysis of discovery and remediation information.

MDHHS designed this strategy to assess and improve the quality of services and supports managed by the waiver agencies. MDHHS is the Single State Agency responsible for establishing the components of the quality management plan. The quality improvement strategy (QIS) includes using several tools to gather data and measure individual and system performance. Tools utilized in this plan include the MDHHS Quality Management Plan (QMP), waiver agency-specific QMPs, Clinical Quality Assurance Review (CQAR), Administrative Quality Assurance Review (AQAR), and Critical Incident Reporting (CIR) system.

Michigan developed its QIS with contributions from participants and other stakeholders in collaboration with MDHHS and the waiver agencies. A leadership group composed of seven participants and advocates and seven waiver agency staff provides support as the MI Choice Quality Management Collaboration (QMC). The purpose of the QMC is to include participants and advocates in the development and review of MI Choice quality management activities. The QMC provides a venue where participants, advocates and providers can review quality outcomes, identify areas that need improvement, develop strategies for remediation of service delivery, and recommend improvements.

MDHHS establishes a QMP biennially which includes statewide goals and strategies identified in part by the QMC. The QMP focuses on meeting CMS assurances and requirements for protecting health and welfare of waiver participants, MDHHS contract requirements, and targeted participant outcome improvement goals. MDHHS requires each waiver agency to have its own QMP that it reviews and approves biennially. The waiver agency may update its QMP as frequently as it deems necessary to accomplish its goals.

The QMP addresses how the waiver agency intends to meet State and Federal assurances and requirements stipulated in MDHHS contracts, the CMS approved waiver plan, selected CMS protocols, and Medicaid requirements for assuring the health and welfare of the participants in the waiver program. Each waiver agency includes the MDHHS required goals in its QMP and adds its own unique quality improvement goals, or self-targeted quality improvement strategies, including service provider performance requirements and administrative improvements. The waiver agencies submit annual reports that describe what the waiver agency did over the year as part of their QIS and what outcomes came from those activities.

MDHHS developed protocols for the CQAR and AQAR with input from the QMC, advocates, Area Agency on Aging Association, the Michigan Disability Resource Center (MDRC), and other stakeholders. MDHHS updates the protocols annually to incorporate general improvements, policy changes, CMS initiatives, and MDHHS priorities. The CQAR includes a participant home visit protocol. A scoring system allows EQRO staff to calculate compliance equitably for each waiver.
agency, based on data obtained from the AQAR and CQAR, regardless of sample size.

The AQAR focuses on assuring that each waiver agency has policies and procedures consistent with waiver requirements. MDHHS staff completes the AQAR biennially for each waiver agency. During the on-site AQAR, MDHHS staff examines waiver agency policies and procedures, contract templates, provider files, financial systems, claims accuracy, and QMPs in detail seeking evidence of compliance to the AQAR standards. MDHHS conducts an on-site AQAR exit interview with the waiver agency staff to discuss non-evident findings, recommendations for improvements and identifies outstanding performance. MDHHS sends a report to the waiver agency within 30 days of the review that identifies the deficiencies noted. The waiver agency has 30 days to submit a corrective action plan to MDHHS. Upon receipt of the corrective action plan, MDHHS reviews the plan to determine if it addresses and resolves the identified deficiencies. If it does, MDHHS issues a corrective action approval letter to the waiver agency. If it does not, MDHHS works with the agency to develop a plan that will correct the identified deficiencies.

MDHHS contracts with an EQRO that employs qualified reviewers who conduct the annual CQAR and evaluate the waiver agency’s enrollment, assessment, level of care evaluations, care planning, and reassessment activities seeking evidence of compliance to the CQAR standards. The reviewers collect and review both qualitative and objective data and evaluate the participant assessments and supports coordinators’ actions to assure that the person-centered service plans include every participant need identified in the assessments or by the participant. The reviewers determine the waiver agency’s level of compliance to the standards included in the protocol. The qualified reviewers send an initial report of all non-evident findings and a listing of any findings that require immediate remediation. Any findings related to the health and welfare of an enrolled participant would require remediation within two weeks. Waiver agencies also must provide any additional documentation to rebut non-evident findings within two weeks. Additional documentation is reviewed and some scores may be revised if documentation was overlooked or missing during the initial review.

The qualified reviewers then compile the data from the CQAR and issue final reports to the waiver agency within 30 days of the receipt of the additional information. The EQRO sends each final CQAR report, which includes a summary of deficiencies. The EQRO divides the deficiencies into citations and recommendations based upon algorithms for each standard. The waiver agency has 30 days to respond to the citations with a corrective action plan. The corrective action plan may also include actions to address recommendations, but this is not mandatory. The EQRO works with the waiver agency to assure the corrective action plan will produce quality improvements. Once the waiver agency and the EQRO agree on the final corrective action plan, the EQRO sends approval to the waiver agency.

Corrective action plans for CQAR and AQAR should demonstrate that the waiver agency has:
1. Analyzed all non-evident findings and determined possible causes;
2. Developed a remediation strategy, including timelines, that address and resolve the problems;
3. Identified a quality improvement goal for the remediation strategy; and
4. Planned ongoing monitoring of remediation activities to assure improved performance.

Waiver agencies must provide evidence of their remediation strategy by submitting documentation to the EQRO. This documentation might include training materials, revised policies and procedures, information from staff meetings, methods for monitoring improvements, results of monitoring, or case record documentation to support the corrective action plan. The EQRO reviews, then either approves the corrective action plan or works with waiver agency to amend the plan to assure the plan leads to desired outcomes and improvements. The EQRO monitors the implementation of each corrective action plan item to assure that the waiver agency meets established timelines for implementing corrective action. The EQRO notifies MDHHS of all activities to assure compliance to requirements. When waiver agencies update policies and procedures, the EQRO forwards these to MDHHS staff for review and approval.

MDHHS developed the CIR system with assistance from the QMC and other stakeholders. MDHHS requires each waiver agency to report all critical incidents in the web-based CIR System. MDHHS defines procedures for reporting critical incidents in the Supports Coordination Service Performance Standards and Waiver Operating Criteria, which is an attachment to the waiver agency contract with MDHHS. Waiver agencies manage critical incidents at the local level by identifying, investigating and evaluating each incident. Supports coordinators initiate strategies and interventions approved by participants to prevent further incidents and follow-up, track, and compile mandatory critical incident reports.

MDHHS conducts a review, compiles a summary report, and trends and analyzes report submissions for review every six months. The review includes an evaluation of individual and summary reports, investigation and reporting timelines, the prevention strategies and interventions used, and verification that waiver agency staff reports incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation to the MDHHS APS as required. MDHHS provides technical assistance and training as necessary to improve reports and quality outcomes for the participants involved and checks that the waiver agency used appropriate related planned services and supportive interventions to reduce or ameliorate further incidents.

Waiver agencies are required to submit encounter data to MDHHS on a submission schedule set by MDHHS. These encounters include data about services provided and service costs. MDHHS compiles this data into reports to analyze the effectiveness of services and costs and to assist the actuary in setting rates.

During each contract year, MDHHS will withhold a portion of the approved capitation payment from each waiver agency.
These funds will be used for the waiver agency performance bonus incentive. These incentives will be given to waiver agencies according to criteria established by MDHHS. The criteria will include assessment of performance in quality of care and administrative functions. Each year, MDHHS will establish and communicate to the waiver agencies the criteria and standards to be used for the performance bonus incentives.

Additional QIS Activities

1) Waiver agencies conduct risk management (RM) planning with participants during person-centered planning. RM planning includes strategies and methods for addressing health and welfare issues negotiated with the participant. Supports coordinators and participants monitor and evaluate effectiveness of RM plans, noting successful strategies and modifying unsuccessful strategies with the participant. RM planning and updates occur during reassessment or more frequently, if needed. Supports coordinators document RM planning in the service plan.
2) Waiver agencies train participants, workers, staff, and supports brokers on how to report abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Technical assistance and training records include attendance by date and total number of attendees, topic, content, and training evaluations.
3) Waiver agencies use Quality Indicators (QI) reported from their assessment database to measure participant health status outcomes. The waiver agency runs and monitors the reports quarterly. MDHHS also reviews the reports annually.
4) Waiver agencies conduct risk management (RM) planning with participants during person-centered planning. RM planning includes strategies and methods for addressing health and welfare issues negotiated with the participant. Supports coordinators and participants monitor and evaluate effectiveness of RM plans, noting successful strategies and modifying unsuccessful strategies with the participant. RM planning and updates occur during reassessment or more frequently, if needed. Supports coordinators document RM planning in the service plan.
5) The State reviews all NFLOC determinations and provides the final approval or denial for eligibility or disenrollments prior to the first date of service.
6) MDHHS monitors administrative hearings and decisions as they occur.
7) MDHHS contracts with a third party vendor to conduct the CAHPS for HCBS biannually with participants.

### ii. System Improvement Activities

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**b. System Design Changes**

1. Describe the process for monitoring and analyzing the effectiveness of system design changes. Include a description of the various roles and responsibilities involved in the processes for monitoring & assessing system design changes. If applicable, include the State's targeted standards for systems improvement.

**Waiver agency QMPs and QI data**

MDHHS compiles data from waiver agency quality management plan and QI reports and disseminates the information to QMC members, waiver agency staff and other stakeholders annually. This information includes statewide averages for each QI in the MDHHS QMP, individual waiver agency QI data, and progress in meeting established benchmarks. MDHHS presents this information at QMC meetings, waiver director meetings, and as requested by other audiences.

**AQAR**

MDHHS shares individual waiver agency AQAR scores and aggregated data with QMC members, waiver agency staff, and other interested parties biennially. The aggregated report includes the percentage of compliance found for each standard in the AQAR, summarized compliance for each section of the AQAR, and an overall compliance score. MDHHS usually presents this data at QMC and waiver director meetings. The presentation includes a summary of successes in practice, noted deficiencies, and improvements from previous data. MDHHS may also discuss methods utilized to improve compliance and common reasons for deficiencies.
CQAR/Home Visits
The EQRO shares individual waiver agency CQAR scores and aggregated data with MDHHS, QMC members, waiver agency staff, and other interested parties annually. The aggregated report includes the percentage of compliance found for each standard in the CQAR, including the home visits, summarized compliance for each section of the CQAR, and an overall compliance score. The EQRO usually presents this data at QMC and waiver director meetings. The presentation includes a summary of successes in practice, noted deficiencies, and improvements from previous data. The discussion may also include methods utilized to improve compliance and common reasons for deficiencies.

CIR Reports
Biannually, MDHHS analyzes critical incident data including the number of incidents, data trends, remediation methods, and incident resolutions. MDHHS monitors reported incidents that did not include a resolution until the waiver agency finalizes interventions to the satisfaction of the participant involved. MDHHS presents the CIR report to the QMC annually.

Participant Satisfaction Reports
MDHHS shares the data from the biannual participant satisfaction reports with waiver agencies, QMC members and other interested parties biannually.

MI Choice Quality Website
MDHHS has developed a MI Choice Quality Website. The website includes a summary of the following information for each waiver agency:

• Results from the last two years of CQAR reports, including the compliance determination
• Accreditation status (organization, type, and expiration date)
• Participant Satisfaction scores (overall from surveys)

Links to each report are available on the website. MDHHS will continue to enhance this website as needed.

ii. Describe the process to periodically evaluate, as appropriate, the Quality Improvement Strategy.

The QMC reviews the QMP and decides which QIs to include in it biennially. During the review, QMC members discuss current methods, QIs, and benchmarks. Members reach consensus regarding which QIs to include and whether MDHHS should raise or lower benchmarks based on previous results. MDHHS incorporates this advice into the revised QMP. In turn, each waiver agency incorporates the revised requirements into its own QMP.

MDHHS updates service standards and contract requirements, as needed, to assure the health and welfare of MI Choice participants and maintain compliance to state and federal requirements. Contract requirements include the person-centered planning guidelines, Supports Coordination Service Performance Standards and Waiver Program Operating Criteria, reporting requirements, waiver agency MI Choice Waiver Program Provider Monitoring Plan, and billing procedures and coding systems.

MDHHS convenes a workgroup to revise the MISCRP biennially or more frequently, if needed. The workgroup incorporates new standards, deletes ineffective and duplicative standards, and revises wording to clarify standard requirements. MDHHS distributes draft copies to all interested stakeholders for review and comment before finalizing the revision.

MDHHS compiles AQAR and CQAR data to identify common deficiencies on an ongoing basis. When warranted, MDHHS or other appropriate experts provide training to waiver agency staff to clarify issues and improve compliance to the MISCRP. MDHHS works closely with each waiver agency to target training sessions to meet the needs of its staff. Training may consist of formal presentations provided to staff of all waiver agencies, targeted on site sessions for a few waiver agencies with similar problems, teleconferences, clarifying memos, or informal discussions to clarify policy interpretations, improve procedures, or otherwise remove barriers to compliance.

Appendix I: Financial Accountability

I-1: Financial Integrity and Accountability

Financial Integrity. Describe the methods that are employed to ensure the integrity of payments that have been made for waiver services, including: (a) requirements concerning the independent audit of provider agencies; (b) the financial audit program that the state conducts to ensure the integrity of provider billings for Medicaid payment of waiver services, including the methods, scope and frequency of audits; and, (c) the agency (or agencies) responsible for conducting the financial audit program. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available to CMS upon request through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

(a) Independent Audit Requirements of Provider Agencies

Provider agencies (including waiver agencies) are required to submit a Single Audit, Financial Statement Audit, Financial Related Audit or Audit Exemption Status Notification Letter to the Department as described below. Provider agencies must also submit a corrective action plan in accordance with 2 CFR §200.511(c) for any audit finding that impacts the program and management letter (if issued) with a response.
1. Single Audit
Provider agencies that are a state, local government or non-profit organization that expend $750,000 or more in federal awards during
the contractor’s fiscal year must submit a Single Audit to the Department, regardless of the amount of funding received from MDHHS.
The Single Audit must comply with the requirements of 2 CFR Subpart F and include all components described in 2 CFR §200.512(c).

2. Financial Related Audit
Provider Agencies that are for-profit organizations that expend $750,000 or more in federal awards during the Grantee’s fiscal year
must submit either a financial related audit prepared in accordance with Government Auditing Standards relating to all federal
awards; or an audit that meets the requirements contained in 2 CFR, Subpart F, if required by the federal awarding agency.

3. Audit Exemption Notice
Provider agencies exempt from the Single Audit and Financial Related Audit requirements must submit an Audit Exemption Notice
that certifies these exemptions.

4. Financial Statement Audit
Provider agencies exempt from the Single Audit and Financial Related Audit requirements (that are required to submit an Audit
Exemption Notice as described above) must also submit to the Department a Financial Statement Audit prepared in accordance with
generally accepted auditing standards if the audit includes disclosures that may negatively impacts the Department funded programs
including, but not limited to fraud, going concern uncertainties, financial statement misstatements, and violations of contract and grant
provisions. If submitting a Financial Statement Audit, Grantees must also submit a corrective action plan for any audit findings that
impacts the Department funded programs.

The required audit and any other required submissions (i.e. corrective action plan and management letter with a response), or audit
Status Notification Letter must be submitted to MDHHS within nine months after the end of the contractor’s fiscal year by e-mail to
MDHHS.

(b) Financial Audit Program to Insure Provider Billing Integrity

MDHHS uses the HIPAA 820/834 capitation payment and enrollment report systems to generate capitation payments to waiver
agencies. The 834 process generates an enrollment file based upon the PAHP provider ID number and the beneficiary’s assignment to
the MI Choice Managed Care benefit plan. This process uses edits to assure only the PAHPs that have a contract with the State are
provided the capitation payment for the MI Choice program. Each PAHP has a unique state-specific provider ID number in the
system. The system will only generate payments for the provider ID number that is specific to a contracted PAHP. This process
includes verifying the participant’s Medicaid eligibility and nursing facility level of care evaluation. Once all eligible beneficiaries are
identified, the 820 process generates a capitation payment for each PAHP using the Medicaid Management Information System
(MMIS). MDHHS utilizes a six month retrospective review period to account for recoupments and repayments based upon updated
data obtained through the 834 process.

The repayment and recoupment processes are for the capture and correction of funds for beneficiaries who enrolled or disenrolled in
the PAHPs after the capitation payments were issued. The repayment process is the provision of a capitation payment for beneficiaries
enrolled in the MI Choice Waiver program during a given month when the PAHP did not receive a capitation payment due to data lags in
the 834 process. The recoupment process is the recovery of capitation payments for beneficiaries who disenrolled from the MI
Choice Waiver program but the PAHPs received capitation payments due to data lags in the 834 process.

A second form of monitoring is that all waiver service providers contracting with a waiver agency must submit bills to the waiver
agency detailing the date of service, type of service, unit cost, and the number of units provided for each waiver participant served.
Provider bills are then matched and verified against the participant’s approved person-centered service plan by the waiver agency prior
to submitting encounter data to MMIS. The waiver agencies process payments for all verified encounters by the providers.

Providers operating as a waiver agency are required to maintain all participants’ records, including assessment, service plans, service
logs, reassessments, and quality assurance records for a period of not less than ten years to support an audit trail. MDHHS, providers,
and the waiver agencies all maintain records for ten years to allow for full auditing of payments for waiver services.

(c) Agencies Responsible for Conducting the Financial Audit Program

The Michigan Office of the Auditor General (OAG) performs the Medicaid Cluster major federal program compliance review as part
of the MDHHS Single Audit. Within this review, expenditures of the MI Choice waiver are included in the Medicaid Cluster
population and are subjected to statistical sample testing. Expenditures of the MI Choice waiver were selected and reviewed in the
most recent Single Audit for federal compliance requirements and will continue to be subjected to future sample testing.

Additional Information:
The waiver agencies have first line responsibility to ensure services they are paying for were delivered as appropriate and do meet the
participant’s needs. Also, during CQAR and AQAR site visits or record reviews, MDHHS or its designee review sources of
information to determine if services were rendered.
Appendix I: Financial Accountability

Quality Improvement: Financial Accountability

As a distinct component of the State’s quality improvement strategy, provide information in the following fields to detail the State’s methods for discovery and remediation.

a. Methods for Discovery: Financial Accountability Assurance:
   The State must demonstrate that it has designed and implemented an adequate system for ensuring financial accountability of the waiver program. (For waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014, this assurance read "State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver.")

i. Sub-Assurances:
   a. Sub-assurance: The State provides evidence that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver and only for services rendered. (Performance measures in this sub-assurance include all Appendix I performance measures for waiver actions submitted before June 1, 2014.)

Performance Measures

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure. In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

Performance Measure:
Number and percent of encounters submitted to MDHHS with all required data elements.
Numerator: Number of encounters submitted to MDHHS with all required data elements.
Denominator: Number of all encounters submitted to MDHHS.

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**Performance Measure:**
Number and percent of capitation payments made to the waiver agencies only for MI Choice participants with active Medicaid eligibility. Numerator: Number of capitation payments made to the waiver agencies for MI Choice participants with active Medicaid. Denominator: Total number of all MI Choice capitation payments.

**Data Source (Select one):**

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b. **Sub-assurance:** The state provides evidence that rates remain consistent with the approved rate methodology throughout the five year waiver cycle.

**Performance Measures**

For each performance measure the State will use to assess compliance with the statutory assurance (or sub-assurance), complete the following. Where possible, include numerator/denominator.

*For each performance measure, provide information on the aggregated data that will enable the State to analyze and assess progress toward the performance measure.* In this section provide information on the method by which each source of data is analyzed statistically/deductively or inductively, how themes are identified or conclusions drawn, and how recommendations are formulated, where appropriate.

**Performance Measure:**

Number and percent of capitation payments that have been paid at rates approved by the Actuary. Numerator: Number of capitation payments that have been paid at rates approved by the Actuary. Denominator: All capitation rates paid.

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ii. If applicable, in the textbox below provide any necessary additional information on the strategies employed by the State to discover/identify problems/issues within the waiver program, including frequency and parties responsible.

Financial Monitoring and Audit

MDHHS requires waiver agencies to conduct annual financial monitoring according to the waiver agencies’ MI Choice Waiver Program Provider Monitoring Plan. This methodology is designed to ensure and verify that:

1) Direct service providers comply with minimum service standards and conditions of participation in the Medicaid program;

2) Providers deliver services according to the MI Choice participant person-centered service plan;

3) Providers maintain an adequate number of trained staff through recruitment, training, and staff supervision and support; and

4) Providers maintain participant case record documentation to support encounter data.

Waiver agency staff reviews, evaluates, and compares service provider records to work orders, service plans, service claims, and reimbursements. Waiver agency staff compares payment records to MI Choice service plan authorization (work orders) and other waiver agency service documentation to ensure they match. Waiver agency staff evaluates provider records for date of service, time of service delivery, staff providing the service, and supervision of staff providing services, notes any discrepancies during the review and includes them in written findings. The waiver agency staff provides written findings of the review and corrective action requirements (as necessary) to the provider within thirty days following completion of the initial review. The waiver agency submits provider monitoring reports to MDHHS within 30 days of completion of the monitoring process. MDHHS reviews and evaluates these reports for completeness and integrity of the process.

MDHHS also requires the waiver agencies to conduct participant home visits to gauge accurately the effectiveness of service delivery. The waiver agency reviewer conducts a minimum of two home visits with participants per provider reviewed to determine participant satisfaction with supports coordination and services and to verify that providers deliver services as planned. MDHHS reviews all waiver agency provider monitoring reports either as completed and submitted to MDHHS.

Additionally, MDHHS conducts on site reviews to verify the waiver agency maintains administrative and financial accountability. MDHHS biennially conducts financial reviews of waiver agencies using a methodology similar to the MI Choice Waiver Program Provider Monitoring Plan during the AQAR process. MDHHS reviews and evaluates a sample of participant claims from the person-centered service plan during a three-month period. This process includes reviewing the service record from inception through reported encounter data to verify that records match by date of service, amount, duration, and type of service.

b. Methods for Remediation/Fixing Individual Problems
   i. Describe the State’s method for addressing individual problems as they are discovered. Include information regarding responsible parties and GENERAL methods for problem correction. In addition, provide information on the methods used by the State to document these items.

   When the waiver agency reviews the provider agency, the waiver agency written review includes citations of both positive findings and areas needing corrective action. It is the waiver agency’s responsibility to monitor a provider’s performance in completing the necessary corrective actions. Waiver agencies may suspend new referrals to a provider agency and transfer...
participants to another provider when findings warrant immediate action to protect a participant's health and welfare. Waiver agencies make provider billing adjustments on the computerized client tracking system to the Medicaid Management Information System using individual encounter adjustment to date of service or through gross adjustment methodology. The waiver agency deducts over payments made to a provider from the next warrant issued and due the provider from the waiver agency. The waiver agency may suspend or terminate a provider who demonstrates a failure to correct deficiencies following subsequent reviews. The waiver agency may reinstate providers after verifying that the provider has corrected deficiencies and changed procedural practices as required.

Immediately after completing the AQAR, MDHHS conducts on-site exit interviews with the waiver agency staff. During these exit interviews, the waiver agency is provided with a report of all non-evident findings and a listing of any findings that require immediate remediation. The immediate remediation is typically due within two weeks. MDHHS also compiles AQAR findings into reports that are sent to the waiver agency. When these reports indicate a need for corrective action, the waiver agency has 30 days to respond with a corrective action plan.

Corrective action plans should demonstrate that the waiver agency has:
1. Analyzed all non-evident findings and determined possible causes;
2. Developed a remediation strategy, including timelines, that address and resolve the problems; and

Waiver agencies are required to provide evidence of their remediation strategy by submitting documentation to MDHHS. This documentation might include training materials, revised policies and procedures, information from staff meetings or case record documentation to support the corrective action plan. MDHHS reviews, then either approves the corrective action plan and documentation or works with waiver agency staff to amend the plan to meet MDHHS requirements. MDHHS monitors the implementation of each corrective action plan item to assure the waiver agency meets established timelines for implementing corrective action.

Specific remediation steps to be taken for each performance measure in Financial Accountability:

If any provider bills are paid for individuals who are not waiver participants:
1. Waiver agencies must recover payments made for services rendered for individuals who were not waiver participants. Provider billing adjustments can be made in MMIS using individual encounter adjustment to date of service or through gross adjustment methodology.
2. MDHHS utilizes MMIS edits to ensure capitation payments are paid for participants of the waiver program only and will not generate capitation payments for non-eligible individuals.

ii. Remediation Data Aggregation

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iii. Timelines

When the State does not have all elements of the Quality Improvement Strategy in place, provide timelines to design methods for discovery and remediation related to the assurance of Financial Accountability that are currently non-operational.

☐ No
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Please provide a detailed strategy for assuring Financial Accountability, the specific timeline for implementing identified strategies, and the parties responsible for its operation.
Appendix I: Financial Accountability

I-2: Rates, Billing and Claims (1 of 3)

a. Rate Determination Methods. In two pages or less, describe the methods that are employed to establish provider payment rates for waiver services and the entity or entities that are responsible for rate determination. Indicate any opportunity for public comment in the process. If different methods are employed for various types of services, the description may group services for which the same method is employed. State laws, regulations, and policies referenced in the description are available upon request to CMS through the Medicaid agency or the operating agency (if applicable).

Capitation Rate Development

PAHPs are provided a monthly capitation rate for all enrolled participants. The rates conform to the managed care regulations found at 42 CFR § 438 and payments of the rates are contingent upon CMS approval. The following lists the steps taken to develop the capitation rates.

• Summarize direct services base period data;
• Development of Transition Case Rate Payment;
• Application of trend year;
• Adjust for Supports Coordination/Case Management;
• Apply administration load; and,
• Withhold percentage.

Summary of Base Period Data

Milliman collected historical FFS experience and capitation payments made. Corresponding enrollment records were summarized for the same incurred period. The MI Choice beneficiaries were split by age and Significant Support Participant (SSP) status for comparison.

A list of beneficiaries identified as Significant Support Participants was provided by MDHHS for purposes of rate development. These beneficiaries represent a population that requires a higher need for services and supports than those classified as non-SSP. Typically, these beneficiaries are those that were previously placed in a nursing facility, but have transitioned into a home or community setting.

Based on the list of services covered by the waiver, services were summarized into 16 different categories. The HCPCS or procedure code included on the claim/encounter was used to assign the experience to a service category. The historical experience was converted to a per member per month (PMPM) basis and summarized into actuarial cost models.

Transition Case Rate Development

Services related to the transition of beneficiaries from a nursing home setting into the community are being paid on a case rate basis. Therefore, the services related to a transition are not included in the SSP or non-SSP capitation rates. The specific HCPCS codes representing these services are T1023, T1028, and T2038. Milliman identified the experience for these services in the historical experience and removed them from the SSP and non-SSP capitation rate development. Based on discussions with MDHHS, the costs for these services will be paid for on a case rate basis for each transitioning beneficiary. Once MDHHS receives CMS approval to incorporate Community Transition Services into the Medicaid State Plan, this process will be eliminated for MI Choice rate setting.

Each waiver agency uses an open bid process to contract with qualified providers in their service area that are willing to furnish MI Choice services. MDHHS requires each waiver agency to have a provider network with capacity to serve at least 125% of its expected utilization for each MI Choice service, and at least two providers for each MI Choice service. When waiver agencies cannot assure this choice within 30 miles or 30 minutes travel time for each enrollee, they may request a rural area exception from MDHHS. This assures network capacity as well as choice of providers.

b. Flow of Billings. Describe the flow of billings for waiver services, specifying whether provider billings flow directly from providers to the State's claims payment system or whether billings are routed through other intermediary entities. If billings flow through other intermediary entities, specify the entities:

Providers of waiver services bill the waiver agency for services furnished as authorized in the person-centered service plan, and according to the contract between the waiver agency and the provider. Each waiver agency reviews the bills submitted by provider agencies to assure that all claims for services have been rendered in compliance with the approved person-centered service plan. Waiver agencies pay the rendering provider directly once verification for the provision of service in accordance with the approved person-centered service plan is done. The State's capitation payments made to the PAHPs are in accordance with the managed care contracts and the 1915(b) waiver.

The flow of billings for community transition services is the same as for all other MI Choice services. However, once a participant transitions to and enrolls in the MI Choice program, the PAHP submits encounter data to the State’s MMIS. Upon receipt of
encounter data that includes HCPCS codes T1023, T1028, or T2038, the MMIS includes a one-time beneficiary-specific supplement payment to the PAHP. This community transition supplemental payment is issued once per transition using the rate established by Milliman. Once MDHHS receives CMS approval to incorporate Community Transition Services into the Medicaid State Plan, this process will end.

In the self-determination option, workers submit timesheets to the fiscal intermediary who, in turn, submits bills to the waiver agency for reimbursement. The waiver agency reimburses the fiscal intermediary according to the process identified in the contract between the fiscal intermediary and the waiver agency. Worker timesheets must be signed by both the worker and the participant or the participant’s authorized representative. The fiscal intermediary then pays the self-determination worker based upon the work reported on the time sheet. The fiscal intermediary submits monthly budget reports to both the waiver agency and the participant. Waiver agencies cost settle with fiscal intermediaries on a monthly or annual basis, according to the terms of their mutual contract.

Waiver agencies submit encounter data to the MMIS system based upon bills paid to providers for traditionally arranged service provision and through the fiscal intermediary services supported through the self-determination option, according to the requirements of the managed care contracts and the §1915(b) waiver.

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I-2: Rates, Billing and Claims (2 of 3)

C. Certifying Public Expenditures (select one):

☐ No. State or local government agencies do not certify expenditures for waiver services.

☐ Yes. State or local government agencies directly expend funds for part or all of the cost of waiver services and certify their State government expenditures (CPE) in lieu of billing that amount to Medicaid.

Select at least one:

☐ Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) of State Public Agencies.

Specify: (a) the State government agency or agencies that certify public expenditures for waiver services; (b) how it is assured that the CPE is based on the total computable costs for waiver services; and, (c) how the State verifies that the certified public expenditures are eligible for Federal financial participation in accordance with 42 CFR §433.51(b). (Indicate source of revenue for CPEs in Item I-4-a.)

☐ Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) of Local Government Agencies.

Specify: (a) the local government agencies that incur certified public expenditures for waiver services; (b) how it is assured that the CPE is based on total computable costs for waiver services; and, (c) how the State verifies that the certified public expenditures are eligible for Federal financial participation in accordance with 42 CFR §433.51(b). (Indicate source of revenue for CPEs in Item I-4-b.)

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I-2: Rates, Billing and Claims (3 of 3)

D. Billing Validation Process. Describe the process for validating provider billings to produce the claim for federal financial participation, including the mechanism(s) to assure that all claims for payment are made only: (a) when the individual was eligible for Medicaid waiver payment on the date of service; (b) when the service was included in the participant's approved service plan; and, (c) the services were provided:

a) When the individual is eligible for Medicaid waiver payment on the date of service.

The 820 Premium Payment process is designed to assure the MI Choice capitation payment is only generated for persons enrolled in the MI Choice benefit plan. To enroll in the MI Choice benefit plan, persons must be deemed eligible for MI Choice and enrolled. The 820 payment process also verifies the beneficiary has a valid Level of Care Determination in the system that indicates the person meets nursing facility level of care criteria. These checks are made before the payment to the PAHP is generated. MDHHS also employs a recoupment and repayment process with a six-month look back period to make adjustments to capitation payments made as eligibility and enrollment information is updated.
PAHPs verify participant eligibility for all dates of service billed by the rendering providers prior to paying provider bills for MI Choice services delivered. When the PAHP finds a provider bill for a date of service when the participant was not eligible, the PAHP either does not pay this bill, or uses alternate funding sources. The PAHP will not submit encounter data for dates of service in which the participant was not eligible. MDHHS requires the PAHP to modify encounter data as necessary so that it only reflects encounters for participants eligible for MI Choice on the dates of service claimed.

Once a participant transitions to and enrolls in the MI Choice program, the PAHP submits encounter data to the State’s MMIS. Upon receipt of encounter data that includes HCPCS codes T1023, T1028, or T2038, the MMIS includes a one-time beneficiary-specific supplement payment to the PAHP. This community transition supplemental payment is issued once per transition using the rate established by Milliman. Once MDHHS receives CMS approval to incorporate Community Transition Services into the Medicaid State Plan, this process will end.

MDHHS closely tracks and approves each beneficiary participating in the nursing facility transition program. MDHHS will not issue, or will recoup community transition supplemental payments for persons not authorized as a nursing facility transition participant. Because of edits in the MMIS, MDHHS will not issue community transition supplemental payments for persons who did not enroll in the MI Choice program upon transition. Once MDHHS receives CMS approval to incorporate Community Transition Services into the Medicaid State Plan, this process will end.

b) When the service was included in the participant’s approved person-centered service plan.

The waiver agency is responsible for assuring that only services authorized in a participant’s person-centered service plan are submitted as encounter data. The waiver agency utilizes their information system to compare bills submitted by provider agencies for authorized waiver services in each participant’s person-centered service plan. Only those services contained within the approved service plan are paid. Claims paid by the waiver agency to the provider agency are then submitted to MMIS as encounter data. The MMIS will only accept encounter data for dates of service for which the participant was eligible for MI Choice enrollment.

MDHHS verifies participant eligibility against dates of service during the AQAR and during the CQAR processes. The AQAR process specifically compares dates of service with eligibility dates for a selected sample of MI Choice participants at each waiver agency. The CQAR process will identify inaccuracies between dates of service and participant eligibility during the course of the case record review and will provide for additional examination as needed if inaccuracies are found in the case record.

c) When the services were provided.

Each waiver agency periodically monitors service provider agencies. This monitoring includes an audit of the paid services compared to documentation including in-home logs kept by paid caregivers, time sheets, and other source documents. Additionally, waiver agencies have systems for participants and service provider agencies to notify the supports coordinator when services are not delivered as planned. Any services reported as not delivered will not be paid during the remit process. Verification of the provider no-show rate is part of the overall Quality Management Plan. Waiver agencies have methods within their respective information systems to track services not provided.

MDHHS requires waiver agencies and providers of service to maintain all records for a period of not less than ten years.

e. Billing and Claims Record Maintenance Requirement. Records documenting the audit trail of adjudicated claims (including supporting documentation) are maintained by the Medicaid agency, the operating agency (if applicable), and providers of waiver services for a minimum period of 3 years as required in 45 CFR §92.42.

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I-3: Payment (1 of 7)

a. Method of payments — MMIS (select one):

- Payments for all waiver services are made through an approved Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).
- Payments for some, but not all, waiver services are made through an approved MMIS.

Specify: (a) the waiver services that are not paid through an approved MMIS; (b) the process for making such payments and the entity that processes payments; (c) and how an audit trail is maintained for all state and federal funds expended outside the MMIS; and, (d) the basis for the draw of federal funds and claiming of these expenditures on the CMS-64:

- Payments for waiver services are not made through an approved MMIS.
Specify: (a) the process by which payments are made and the entity that processes payments; (b) how and through which system(s) the payments are processed; (c) how an audit trail is maintained for all state and federal funds expended outside the MMIS; and, (d) the basis for the draw of federal funds and claiming of these expenditures on the CMS-64:

Payments for waiver services are made by a managed care entity or entities. The managed care entity is paid a monthly capitated payment per eligible enrollee through an approved MMIS.

Describe how payments are made to the managed care entity or entities:

At the end of each month, MDHHS will run the 834 Enrollment file for each waiver agency. This file contains an electronic listing of persons who are enrolled in the MI Choice program with each provider. MMIS then performs quality checks including: verification of current Medicaid eligibility; a valid LOCD indicating the participant meets nursing facility level of care; and the participant is not enrolled in any other long term care program. On the 4th pay cycle of each month, the 820 premium payment will run and will electronically transfer the appropriate per member per month capitation payment for each participant enrolled with each PAHP.

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b. Direct payment. In addition to providing that the Medicaid agency makes payments directly to providers of waiver services, payments for waiver services are made utilizing one or more of the following arrangements (select at least one):

- The Medicaid agency makes payments directly and does not use a fiscal agent (comprehensive or limited) or a managed care entity or entities.
- The Medicaid agency pays providers through the same fiscal agent used for the rest of the Medicaid program.
- The Medicaid agency pays providers of some or all waiver services through the use of a limited fiscal agent.

Specify the limited fiscal agent, the waiver services for which the limited fiscal agent makes payment, the functions that the limited fiscal agent performs in paying waiver claims, and the methods by which the Medicaid agency oversees the operations of the limited fiscal agent:

Providers are paid by a managed care entity or entities for services that are included in the State's contract with the entity.

Specify how providers are paid for the services (if any) not included in the State's contract with managed care entities.

This is a concurrent §1915(b)/1915(c) waiver, and therefore, this section is not applicable.

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c. Supplemental or Enhanced Payments. Section 1902(a)(30) requires that payments for services be consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. Section 1903(a)(1) provides for Federal financial participation to States for expenditures for services under an approved State plan/waiver. Specify whether supplemental or enhanced payments are made. Select one:

- No. The State does not make supplemental or enhanced payments for waiver services.
- Yes. The State makes supplemental or enhanced payments for waiver services.

Describe: (a) the nature of the supplemental or enhanced payments that are made and the waiver services for which these payments are made; (b) the types of providers to which such payments are made; (c) the source of the non-Federal share of the supplemental or enhanced payment; and, (d) whether providers eligible to receive the supplemental or enhanced payment retain 100% of the total computable expenditure claimed by the State to CMS. Upon request, the State will furnish CMS with detailed information about the total amount of supplemental or enhanced payments to each provider type in the waiver.
d. Payments to State or Local Government Providers. Specify whether State or local government providers receive payment for the provision of waiver services.

- No. State or local government providers do not receive payment for waiver services. Do not complete Item I-3-e.
- Yes. State or local government providers receive payment for waiver services. Complete Item I-3-e.

Specify the types of State or local government providers that receive payment for waiver services and the services that the State or local government providers furnish:

Fourteen of the twenty waiver agencies are Area Agency on Aging (AAA) organizations. These entities are quasi-public organizations that generally report to a board with some county oversight. In addition to the AAAs, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health, and Macomb-Oakland Regional Center (MORC) are community mental health agencies; A & D Home Health Care, Inc. is a home health agency; Reliance Community Care Partners is a stand-alone care management agency; and The Information Center, Inc. and Senior Services, Inc. are information, referral and assistance agencies that function as a waiver agency.

All PAHPs directly employ qualified supports coordinators who furnish Supports Coordination and Community Transition Services. One waiver agency, Tri-County Office on Aging, prepares and provides home delivered meals. A&D Home Health Care, Inc. offers workers who furnish Community Living Supports. All waiver agencies may also make purchases from retail stores for items falling into the Environmental Accessibility Adaptations, Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies, and Goods and Services categories.

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e. Amount of Payment to State or Local Government Providers.

Specify whether any State or local government provider receives payments (including regular and any supplemental payments) that in the aggregate exceed its reasonable costs of providing waiver services and, if so, whether and how the State recoups the excess and returns the Federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report. Select one:

- The amount paid to State or local government providers is the same as the amount paid to private providers of the same service.
- The amount paid to State or local government providers differs from the amount paid to private providers of the same service. No public provider receives payments that in the aggregate exceed its reasonable costs of providing waiver services.
- The amount paid to State or local government providers differs from the amount paid to private providers of the same service. When a State or local government provider receives payments (including regular and any supplemental payments) that in the aggregate exceed the cost of waiver services, the State recoups the excess and returns the federal share of the excess to CMS on the quarterly expenditure report.

Describe the recoupment process:

f. Provider Retention of Payments. Section 1903(a)(1) provides that Federal matching funds are only available for expenditures made by states for services under the approved waiver. Select one:

- Providers receive and retain 100 percent of the amount claimed to CMS for waiver services.
- Providers are paid by a managed care entity (or entities) that is paid a monthly capitated payment.

Specify whether the monthly capitated payment to managed care entities is reduced or returned in part to the State.

The monthly capitated payment to the managed care entities is not reduced or returned in part to the State.
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g. Additional Payment Arrangements

i. Voluntary Reassignment of Payments to a Governmental Agency. Select one:

- No. The State does not provide that providers may voluntarily reassign their right to direct payments to a governmental agency.

- Yes. Providers may voluntarily reassign their right to direct payments to a governmental agency as provided in 42 CFR §447.10(e).

Specify the governmental agency (or agencies) to which reassignment may be made.

ii. Organized Health Care Delivery System. Select one:

- No. The State does not employ Organized Health Care Delivery System (OHCDS) arrangements under the provisions of 42 CFR §447.10.

- Yes. The waiver provides for the use of Organized Health Care Delivery System arrangements under the provisions of 42 CFR §447.10.

Specify the following: (a) the entities that are designated as an OHCDS and how these entities qualify for designation as an OHCDS; (b) the procedures for direct provider enrollment when a provider does not voluntarily agree to contract with a designated OHCDS; (c) the method(s) for assuring that participants have free choice of qualified providers when an OHCDS arrangement is employed, including the selection of providers not affiliated with the OHCDS; (d) the method(s) for assuring that providers that furnish services under contract with an OHCDS meet applicable provider qualifications under the waiver; (e) how it is assured that OHCDS contracts with providers meet applicable requirements; and, (f) how financial accountability is assured when an OHCDS arrangement is used.

iii. Contracts with MCOs, PIHPs or PAHPs. Select one:

- The State does not contract with MCOs, PIHPs or PAHPs for the provision of waiver services.

- The State contracts with a Managed Care Organization(s) (MCOs) and/or prepaid inpatient health plan(s) (PIHP) or prepaid ambulatory health plan(s) (PAHP) under the provisions of §1915(a)(1) of the Act for the delivery of waiver and other services. Participants may voluntarily elect to receive waiver and other services through such MCOs or prepaid health plans. Contracts with these health plans are on file at the State Medicaid agency.

Describe: (a) the MCOs and/or health plans that furnish services under the provisions of §1915(a)(1); (b) the geographic areas served by these plans; (c) the waiver and other services furnished by these plans; and, (d) how payments are made to the health plans.

- This waiver is a part of a concurrent §1915(b)/§1915(c) waiver. Participants are required to obtain waiver and other services through a MCO and/or prepaid inpatient health plan (PIHP) or a prepaid ambulatory health plan (PAHP). The §1915(b) waiver specifies the types of health plans that are used and how payments to these plans are made.

- This waiver is a part of a concurrent 1115/1915(c) waiver. Participants are required to obtain waiver and other services through a MCO and/or prepaid inpatient health plan (PIHP) or a prepaid ambulatory health plan (PAHP). The 1115 waiver specifies the types of health plans that are used and how payments to these plans are made.

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I-4: Non-Federal Matching Funds (1 of 3)
a. **State Level Source(s) of the Non-Federal Share of Computable Waiver Costs.** Specify the State source or sources of the non-federal share of computable waiver costs. *Select at least one:*

   - [ ] Appropriation of State Tax Revenues to the State Medicaid agency
   - [ ] Appropriation of State Tax Revenues to a State Agency other than the Medicaid Agency.

   If the source of the non-federal share is appropriations to another state agency (or agencies), specify: (a) the State entity or agency receiving appropriated funds and (b) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement, and/or, indicate if the funds are directly expended by State agencies as CPEs, as indicated in Item I-2-c:

   - [ ] Other State Level Source(s) of Funds.

   Specify: (a) the source and nature of funds; (b) the entity or agency that receives the funds; and, (c) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement, and/or, indicate if funds are directly expended by State agencies as CPEs, as indicated in Item I-2-c:

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**I-4: Non-Federal Matching Funds (2 of 3)**

b. **Local Government or Other Source(s) of the Non-Federal Share of Computable Waiver Costs.** Specify the source or sources of the non-federal share of computable waiver costs that are not from state sources. *Select One:*

   - [ ] Not Applicable. There are no local government level sources of funds utilized as the non-federal share.

   - [ ] Applicable
     - [ ] Appropriation of Local Government Revenues.

     Specify: (a) the local government entity or entities that have the authority to levy taxes or other revenues; (b) the source(s) of revenue; and, (c) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement (indicate any intervening entities in the transfer process), and/or, indicate if funds are directly expended by local government agencies as CPEs, as specified in Item I-2-c:

   - [ ] Other Local Government Level Source(s) of Funds.

   Specify: (a) the source of funds; (b) the local government entity or agency receiving funds; and, (c) the mechanism that is used to transfer the funds to the State Medicaid Agency or Fiscal Agent, such as an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), including any matching arrangement, and/or, indicate if funds are directly expended by local government agencies as CPEs, as specified in Item I-2-c:

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**I-4: Non-Federal Matching Funds (3 of 3)**

c. **Information Concerning Certain Sources of Funds.** Indicate whether any of the funds listed in Items I-4-a or I-4-b that make up the non-federal share of computable waiver costs come from the following sources: (a) health care-related taxes or fees; (b) provider-related donations; and/or, (c) federal funds. *Select one:*

   - [ ] None of the specified sources of funds contribute to the non-federal share of computable waiver costs

   - [ ] The following source(s) are used
     - [ ] Health care-related taxes or fees
     - [ ] Provider-related donations
For each source of funds indicated above, describe the source of the funds in detail:

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I-5: Exclusion of Medicaid Payment for Room and Board

a. Services Furnished in Residential Settings. Select one:

- No services under this waiver are furnished in residential settings other than the private residence of the individual.
- As specified in Appendix C, the State furnishes waiver services in residential settings other than the personal home of the individual.

b. Method for Excluding the Cost of Room and Board Furnished in Residential Settings. The following describes the methodology that the State uses to exclude Medicaid payment for room and board in residential settings:

Residential service providers are limited to billing under a finite set of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for their services. The codes do not include reimbursement for room and board. MDHHS did not include costs associated with room and board in the capitation rate development process. Waiver agencies negotiate rates with each residential services provider based upon the unique needs and circumstances of each participant in the residential setting on an individual basis. All MI Choice services are based upon the assessed medical and functional needs of the participant, and specifically exclude room and board. Waiver agencies do not remit payments for room and board if such is received from the residential services provider. All payments to providers in residential settings are for approved MI Choice services only. MMIS will only approve encounter data claims for the approved HCPCS codes.

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I-6: Payment for Rent and Food Expenses of an Unrelated Live-In Caregiver

Reimbursement for the Rent and Food Expenses of an Unrelated Live-In Personal Caregiver. Select one:

- No. The State does not reimburse for the rent and food expenses of an unrelated live-in personal caregiver who resides in the same household as the participant.
- Yes. Per 42 CFR §441.310(a)(2)(ii), the State will claim FFP for the additional costs of rent and food that can be reasonably attributed to an unrelated live-in personal caregiver who resides in the same household as the waiver participant. The State describes its coverage of live-in caregiver in Appendix C-3 and the costs attributable to rent and food for the live-in caregiver are reflected separately in the computation of factor D (cost of waiver services) in Appendix J. FFP for rent and food for a live-in caregiver will not be claimed when the participant lives in the caregiver’s home or in a residence that is owned or leased by the provider of Medicaid services.

The following is an explanation of: (a) the method used to apportion the additional costs of rent and food attributable to the unrelated live-in personal caregiver that are incurred by the individual served on the waiver and (b) the method used to reimburse these costs:

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (1 of 5)

a. Co-Payment Requirements. Specify whether the State imposes a co-payment or similar charge upon waiver participants for waiver services. These charges are calculated per service and have the effect of reducing the total computable claim for federal financial participation. Select one:

- No. The State does not impose a co-payment or similar charge upon participants for waiver services.
- Yes. The State imposes a co-payment or similar charge upon participants for one or more waiver services.

i. Co-Pay Arrangement.

Specify the types of co-pay arrangements that are imposed on waiver participants (check each that applies):
Charges Associated with the Provision of Waiver Services (if any are checked, complete Items I-7-a-ii through I-7-a-iv):

- Nominal deductible
- Coinsurance
- Co-Payment
- Other charge

Specify:

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (2 of 5)

a. Co-Payment Requirements.

ii. Participants Subject to Co-pay Charges for Waiver Services.

Answers provided in Appendix I-7-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (3 of 5)

a. Co-Payment Requirements.

iii. Amount of Co-Pay Charges for Waiver Services.

Answers provided in Appendix I-7-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (4 of 5)

a. Co-Payment Requirements.

iv. Cumulative Maximum Charges.

Answers provided in Appendix I-7-a indicate that you do not need to complete this section.

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I-7: Participant Co-Payments for Waiver Services and Other Cost Sharing (5 of 5)

b. Other State Requirement for Cost Sharing. Specify whether the State imposes a premium, enrollment fee or similar cost sharing on waiver participants. Select one:

- No. The State does not impose a premium, enrollment fee, or similar cost-sharing arrangement on waiver participants.
- Yes. The State imposes a premium, enrollment fee or similar cost-sharing arrangement.

Describe in detail the cost sharing arrangement, including: (a) the type of cost sharing (e.g., premium, enrollment fee); (b) the amount of charge and how the amount of the charge is related to total gross family income; (c) the groups of participants subject to cost-sharing and the groups who are excluded; and, (d) the mechanisms for the collection of cost-sharing and reporting the amount collected on the CMS 64:

Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration

J-1: Composite Overview and Demonstration of Cost-Neutrality Formula
Composite Overview. Complete the fields in Cols. 3, 5 and 6 in the following table for each waiver year. The fields in Cols. 4, 7 and 8 are auto-calculated based on entries in Cols 3, 5, and 6. The fields in Col. 2 are auto-calculated using the Factor D data from the J-2-d Estimate of Factor D tables. Col. 2 fields will be populated ONLY when the Estimate of Factor D tables in J-2-d have been completed.

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Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration
J-2: Derivation of Estimates (1 of 9)

a. Number Of Unduplicated Participants Served. Enter the total number of unduplicated participants from Item B-3-a who will be served each year that the waiver is in operation. When the waiver serves individuals under more than one level of care, specify the number of unduplicated participants for each level of care:

Table: J-2-a: Unduplicated Participants

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J-2: Derivation of Estimates (2 of 9)

b. Average Length of Stay. Describe the basis of the estimate of the average length of stay on the waiver by participants in item J-2-a.

The Average Length of Stay (ALOS) was determined based on historic information regarding the number of days of participation in the MI Choice waiver program that each waiver agency reported. The rate of growth of the number of days was estimated based on the trend determined from past information. The estimated ALOS for the upcoming 5-year period was calculated by dividing the total estimated number of participation days per fiscal year by the projected unduplicated number of participants.

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J-2: Derivation of Estimates (3 of 9)

c. Derivation of Estimates for Each Factor. Provide a narrative description for the derivation of the estimates of the following factors.

i. Factor D Derivation. The estimates of Factor D for each waiver year are located in Item J-2-d. The basis for these estimates is as follows:

The Factor D values were estimated using historic information obtained from claim data submitted by waiver agencies for SFY 2016 and 2017 and compared against CMS-372 for 2015. Costs associated with waiver services that are to be continued as in the past, were calculated based on projecting the number of users per service, the average units per user, the average cost per unit and the number of units.

The numbers of users of each service were based on the projection using change in unduplicated participant count by waiver year. The average cost per unit in each year was estimated by reviewing recent cost trends observed in the waiver program. The average units per user for each year was based on change in average length of stay by waiver year.
The two transportation services were combined into one service called Community Transportation. Community Health Worker service was also added as a new service.

ii. **Factor D' Derivation.** The estimates of Factor D' for each waiver year are included in Item J-1. The basis of these estimates is as follows:

Factor D' values were estimated using historic information obtained from past CMS 372 reports from fiscal years 2015 projected forward to SFY 2019-2023 based on State budget trends specific to State Plan services.

iii. **Factor G Derivation.** The estimates of Factor G for each waiver year are included in Item J-1. The basis of these estimates is as follows:

Factor G values were estimated using historic information obtained from past CMS 372 reports from fiscal years 2015 projected forward to SFY 2019-2023 based on State budget trends specific to nursing facility services.

iv. **Factor G' Derivation.** The estimates of Factor G' for each waiver year are included in Item J-1. The basis of these estimates is as follows:

Factor G' values were estimated using historic information obtained from past CMS 372 reports from fiscal years 2015 projected forward to SFY 2019-2023 based on State budget trends specific to State Plan services.

**Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration**

**J-2: Derivation of Estimates (4 of 9)**

**Component management for waiver services.** If the service(s) below includes two or more discrete services that are reimbursed separately, or is a bundled service, each component of the service must be listed. Select “manage components” to add these components.

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**Appendix J: Cost Neutrality Demonstration**

**J-2: Derivation of Estimates (5 of 9)**

d. **Estimate of Factor D.**

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**Total Services not included in capitation:** 338555267.93

**Factor D (Divide total by number of participants):**
- Total Estimated Unduplicated Participants: 16886

**Average Length of Stay on the Waiver:** 257

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**J-2: Derivation of Estimates (6 of 9)**

d. Estimate of Factor D.

ii. Concurrent §1915(b)/§1915(c) Waivers, or other authorities utilizing capitated arrangements (i.e., 1915(a), 1932(a), Section 1937). Complete the following table for each waiver year. Enter data into the Unit, # Users, Avg. Units Per User, and Avg. Cost/Unit fields for all the Waiver Service/Component items. If applicable, check the capitation box next to that service. Select Save and Calculate to automatically calculate and populate the Component Costs and Total Costs fields. All fields in this table must be completed in order to populate the Factor D fields in the J-1 Composite Overview table.

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**GRAND TOTAL:**

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Total: Services not included in capitation: 17402
Factor D (Divide total by number of participants): 22085.15
Services included in capitation: 20085.15
Services not included in capitation: 20085.15
Average Length of Stay on the Waiver: 255
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**Total Estimated Unduplicated Participants:**

Factor D (Divide total by number of participants): 20182.12

Average Length of Stay on the Waiver: 255

**GRAND TOTAL:**

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Total: Services not included in capitation: 351209185.77

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J-2: Derivation of Estimates (7 of 9)

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Total Services not included in capitation: 17402
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Services not included in capitation: 31116.73
Average Length of Stay on the Waiver: 255

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Total Estimated Unduplicated Participants: 18806
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Services included in capitation: 20182.12
Services not included in capitation: 3680266.80
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Services not included in capitation: 20112.62
Average Length of Stay on the Waiver: 251

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J-2: Derivation of Estimates (8 of 9)

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- Total Estimated Unduplicated Participants: 18854
- Factor D (Divide total by number of participants): 20201.53
- Services included in capitation: 20201.53
- Services not included in capitation: 20201.53
- Average Length of Stay on the Waiver: 249

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Average Length of Stay on the Waiver: 249

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GRAND TOTAL: 403243450.31

Services included in capitation: 403243450.31
Services not included in capitation: 3

Total Estimated Unduplicated Participants: 19796

Average Length of Stay on the Waiver: 248
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Total Services included in capitation: 403243450.31
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Factor D (Divide total by number of participants): 19796
Services included in capitation: 20369.95
Services not included in capitation: 19796

Average Length of Stay on the Waiver: 248