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The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society submits the attached comments regarding the HMP 1115 Demonstration Extension Application

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12 August 2018

Nick Lyon
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Re: Healthy Michigan Plan Project No. 11-W-00245/5 - Section 1115 Demonstration Extension Application

Dear Director Lyon:

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the proposal put forward by the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services to extend the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) demonstration waiver. At LLS, our mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS exists to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients. In light of that mission, LLS urges the Department to reconsider moving forward with its waiver amendment until the Department has been able to resolve the serious concerns LLS raises below.

The Department proposes that as a condition of eligibility for HMP, individuals between the ages of 19 and 62 must be employed or engage in specified educational, job training, or community services activities for at least 80 hours per month, unless they qualify for an exemption. A lock-out period of at least one month (with no maximum) will result if an individual fails to meet his or her workforce engagement requirement. Further, individuals whom the Department believes to have misrepresented his or her compliance with the requirement will face a lock-out period of one year.

The Department also proposes that individuals with incomes between 100 and 133 percent of the federal poverty level be required to pay monthly premiums equal to five percent of their income, unless they can demonstrate that they qualify for an exemption. A lock-out period will result until the individual comes into compliance, at which point he or she **will** be re-enrolled the first day of the next available month.

LLS believes firmly that all patients and consumers should have access to high quality, stable coverage to ensure that they are able to receive appropriate and timely care. Medicaid serves a vital role in making sure that no one is left without access to such coverage. While LLS appreciates the importance of the flexibility offered by the Section 1115 waiver process, LLS believes that changes authorized through that process should not cause fewer people to receive or retain coverage or make it harder to obtain necessary health care.¹ It's on those grounds that LLS urges the Department to reconsider moving

¹ Judith Solomon and Jessica Schubel, "Medicaid Waivers Should Further Program Objectives, Not Impose Barriers to Coverage and Care," Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, August 29, 2017, <https://www.cbpp.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/8-28-17health.pdf>

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MEDICAID: A VITAL SOURCE OF COVERAGE

Medicaid guarantees access to life-saving care for low-income Americans

As the nation's public health insurance program for low-income children, adults, seniors, and people with disabilities, Medicaid covers 1 in 5 Americans,² including the 680,000³ Michigan residents served by HMP. Many of them have complex and costly health care needs, making Medicaid a critical access point for disease management and care for many of the poorest and sickest people in our nation.⁴

Thanks to Medicaid coverage, enrollees have access to screening and preventive care, which translates into well-child care and earlier detection of health and developmental problems in children, earlier diagnosis of cancer, diabetes, and other chronic conditions in adults, and earlier detection of mental illness in people of all ages.⁵ Medicaid also ensures access to physician care, prescription drugs, emergency care, and other services that - like screening and prevention - are critical to the health and well-being of any American.

Medicaid is a crucial source of coverage for specialty care too, including cancer care. Evidence suggests that public health insurance has had a positive impact on cancer detection: researchers have determined that states that expanded Medicaid experienced a 6.4 percent increase in early detection of cancer from pre-Affordable Care Act (ACA) levels.⁶ Evidence also shows better survival rates among individuals who were enrolled in Medicaid prior to being diagnosed with cancer, relative to those who enroll in Medicaid after their diagnosis.⁷ In Michigan, 44,415 people are living with blood cancer and, last year alone, an estimated 5,680 received a new diagnosis of blood cancer.⁸ For many of them, HMP will be their only source of affordable coverage.

WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT

Making coverage contingent on work status will disrupt access to care

The Department proposes that individuals between the ages of 19 and 62 be employed or engage in specified educational, job training, or community services activities for at least 80 hours per month as a condition of receiving coverage through HMP, unless they qualify for an exemption.

² Rachel Garfield, Robin Rudowitz, and Anthony Damico, "Understanding the Intersection of Medicaid and Work," Kaiser Family Foundation, January 2018, <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/understanding-the-intersection-of-medicaid-and-work/>.

³ Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Healthy Michigan Plan Enrollment Statistics, July 31, 2018. Available at https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885_7-339-71547_2943_66797---00.html.

⁴ Julia Paradise, "Data Note: Three Findings about Access to Care and Health Outcomes in Medicaid," March 23, 2017, <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/data-note-three-findings-about-access-to-care-and-health-outcomes-in-medicaid/>.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ A Soni, K Simon, J Cawley, L Sabik, Effect of Medicaid expansions of 2014 on overall and early-state cancer diagnoses [published online December 21, 2017]. *Am J Public Health*, doi: 10.2105/AJPH.2017.304166.

⁷ E Adams, LN Chien, CS Florence, et al. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act in Georgia: effects on time to Medicaid enrollment. *Cancer*. 2009; 118(9):1300-9.

⁸ The leukemia & lymphoma Society: LLS Mission & Impact. 2017.

Medicaid's core mission is to provide comprehensive coverage to low-income people so they can obtain the health care services they need.⁹ In service of that mission, the ACA streamlined Medicaid enrollment and renewal processes across all states.¹⁰ The intent was to reduce the number of uninsured and keep individuals covered over time by reducing the burden of paperwork. But in contrast, Michigan's proposed work requirement will initiate a return to increased bureaucracy and paperwork and, in turn, coverage losses. It's because of those losses that LLS firmly opposes making Medicaid coverage contingent on work requirements.

The State of Kentucky, for example, projected that its Section 1115 waiver will yield a 15 percent drop (95,000 beneficiaries) in adult Medicaid enrollment by the waiver's fifth year of implementation and that well over 100,000 people will experience gaps in coverage due to lock-outs for failing to meet work requirements, report changes, or renew coverage in a timely manner.¹¹

Indeed, work requirements will result in some enrollees losing coverage not because they failed to maintain employment but because of difficulty navigating compliance processes or satisfying the burden of additional paperwork. When Washington State required increased reporting as part of its Medicaid renewal process, approximately 35,000 fewer children were enrolled in the program, despite the fact that many remained eligible. Families reported that they had simply lost track of the paperwork.¹² It's important to note that many in the Medicaid population face barriers associated with disability, mental illness, insecure work, frequent moves, and homelessness - all factors that pose significant challenges to successfully navigating any system.

Early reports from Arkansas on their work requirement validate concerns over widespread confusion and significant coverage losses. In the first month of implementation of its "Arkansas Works" program, nearly 75% of beneficiaries who were required to take action online to report their work hours or an exemption failed to do so.¹³ This is not surprising given that Arkansas ranks 46th in the nation with respect to internet access;¹⁴ in fact, 31% of Arkansas Medicaid beneficiaries who are likely to not be exempt from the work requirement and are not currently working have no access to the internet in their household.¹⁵ It is also highly likely that many people simply did not receive the notices stating that they would be subject to a work requirement, given that low income households move at twice the rate of higher income

⁹ 42 U.S.C. 1396.

¹⁰ Kaiser Family Foundation, "Implication of Emerging Waivers on Streamlined Medicaid Enrollment and Renewal Processes," February 2018, <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/fact-sheet/implications-of-emerging-waivers-on-streamlined-medicaid-enrollment-and-renewal-processes/>

¹¹ Judith Solomon, "Kentucky Waiver Will Harm Medicaid Beneficiaries," Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, January 16, 2018, <https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/kentucky-waiver-will-harm-medicaid-beneficiaries>.

¹² Margot Sanger-Katz, "Hate Paperwork? Medicaid Recipients Will Be Drowning In It," *The New York Times*, January 18, 2018.

¹³ Joan Alker and Maggie Clark, "One Month into Medicaid Work Requirement in Arkansas, Warning Lights are Already Flashing." July 20, 2018, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute: Center for Children and Families, <https://ccf.georgetown.edu/2018/07/20/one-month-into-arkansas-medicaid-work-requirement-the-warning-lights-are-already-flashing/>

¹⁴ U.S. News & World Report, Internet Access Ratings, <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/rankings/infrastructure/internet-access>

¹⁵ Anuj Gangopadhyaya, Genevieve Kenney, Rachel Burton, and Jeremy Marks, "Medicaid Work Requirements in Arkansas: Who Could Be Affected, and What Do We Know About Them?" May 24, 2018, Urban Institute Research Report, <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/medicaid-work-requirements-arkansas>.

households!¹⁶ Because Arkansas plans to terminate eligibility after three months of not meeting the new work requirement rules, the more than 7,000 beneficiaries who were unable to report their work hours or an exemption in the first month of implementation are now one step closer to losing coverage.¹⁷

This effect has been borne out in other contexts too: data shows that in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), for example, many people who were working or should have qualified for exemptions from work requirements lost benefits because they did not complete required paperwork or were unable to document their eligibility for exemptions.¹⁸

The fact is loss of coverage is a grave prospect for anyone, in particular a patient living with a serious disease or condition. People in the midst of cancer treatment, for example, rely on regular visits with healthcare providers, and many of those patients must adhere to frequent, if not daily, medication protocols. Thus LLS is seriously concerned that individuals who are unable to satisfy work requirements may end up going without necessary care, perhaps for an extended period of time.

It's important to note that exempting some beneficiaries from having to comply with work requirements will not sufficiently mitigate the access barriers that will result from making coverage contingent on work. Under commercial health insurance, exemption and exceptions procedures have a long track record of limiting or delaying access to care for patients living with serious medical needs. At times this is due to the slow pace of the determination process. At other times, the challenge is simply understanding the exemption process itself or having the time and resources to pursue appeals. It's highly likely that, where it concerns exemptions from work requirements, Medicaid enrollees will find it similarly complicated, time-consuming, and expensive to secure and maintain an exemption.

Implementation will strain already-limited government resources

Implementation of work requirements will obligate the state to devote significant resources to tracking work program participation and compliance or, alternatively, incur the cost of contracting out that function!¹⁹ A draft operational protocol prepared for the implementation of Kentucky's proposed waiver illustrates the costs involved: nearly \$187 million in the first six months alone.²⁰ Similarly, Tennessee estimates that the implementation of a Medicaid work requirement would cost the state an estimated \$18.7 million each year.²¹

¹⁶ Brett Theodos, Sara McTarnaghan, and Claudia Coulton, "Family Residential Instability: What Can States and Localities Do?" May 2018, Urban Institute, https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/98286/family_residential_instability_what_can_states_and_localities_do.pdf

¹⁷ Alker and Clark.

¹⁸ Judith Solomon, "Kentucky Waiver Will Harm Medicaid Beneficiaries," January 16, 2018, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, <https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/kentucky-waiver-will-harm-medicaid-beneficiaries>.

¹⁹ MaryBeth Musumeci and Julia Zur, "Medicaid Enrollees and Work Requirements: Lessons from the TANF Experience," Kaiser Family Foundation, August 2017, <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/medicaid-enrollees-and-work-requirements-lessons-from-the-tanf-experience/>.

²⁰ RollCall, "Medicaid Changes Require Tens of Millions in Upfront Costs," Feb. 26, 2018, <https://www.rollcall.com/news/politics/medicaid-kentucky>.

²¹ Ibid.

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Administering these requirements will be expensive for Michigan as well: the Michigan House Fiscal Agency estimates that the state's administrative costs alone will be approximately \$20 million, in addition to one-time information technology costs of up to \$10 million.²² If the state is willing to increase its spending on HMP, those additional dollars ought to be prioritized for uses that are directly related to access to care, not the creation of a work requirements bureaucracy.

INCREASED PREMIUMS

Increased enrollee costs will limit access to care

The Department proposes that individuals with 48 cumulative months of enrollment in HMP whose incomes fall between 100 and 133 percent of the federal poverty level (approximately \$1,372/month to \$1,893/month for a family of two) be required to pay monthly premiums equal to five percent of their income, unless they're able to secure an exemption. While the federal government has previously approved the use of premiums in Medicaid, no state has received approval for premiums at a level as high as this.

The Department's proposed premium increase will almost certainly cause HMP enrollees to lose access to coverage, decrease their adherence to treatment, or simply not enroll in the program, as five percent of household income represents a serious burden for people living at or near the poverty level. Indeed, evidence shows that modest premiums deter enrollment in Medicaid.²³ Similarly, research shows that even relatively small co-payments of \$1 to \$5 reduce people's utilization of necessary healthcare services among people who are low-income.²⁴

In short, LLS believes that patients should not be made to choose between affording treatment and other basic necessities and thus opposes financial burdens that will erect barriers to accessing Medicaid for low-income, vulnerable populations.

LOCK-OUT PERIODS

Cancelling coverage will disrupt essential care

The Department proposes to penalize individuals who fail to meet workforce engagement requirements with a lock-out period of at least one month, with no maximum. Further, individuals whom the Department believes to have misrepresented his or her compliance with the requirement will face a lock-out period of one year. Similarly, the Department proposes lock-out periods as penalty for non-payment of premium increases, with benefits suspended under the individual has come into compliance.

²² Michigan House Fiscal Agency, Legislative Analysis of Healthy Michigan Plan Work Requirements and Premium Payment Requirements, June 6, 2018. Available at: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2017-2018/billanalysis/House/pdf/2017-HL-A-0897-SCFFSOA.pdf>.

²³ BJ Wright, MJ Carlson, H Allen, Al Holmgren, Ol Rustvold, "Raising Premiums and Other Costs for Oregon Health Plan Enrollees Drove Many to Drop Out," *Health Affairs*, 2010; 29(12):2311-16.

²⁴ Judith Solomon, "Kentucky Waiver Will Harm Medicaid Beneficiaries," January 16, 2018, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, <https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/kentucky-waiver-will-harm-medicaid-beneficiaries>

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Evidence suggests that restricting or terminating coverage or access to services as a penalty for failing to pay premiums or cost-sharing reduces access to necessary care, disrupts continuity of care, and increases the likelihood of emergency department (ED) utilization.²⁵ For example, when Oregon introduced a six month lock-out in 2003, enrollees who lost coverage were three times as likely to not fill a prescription, and four to five times more likely to use the ED as a source of care than people who remained enrolled.²⁶

For those reasons, LLS opposes Michigan's proposal to utilize lock-outs, in all instances proposed. Simply put, these lock-out periods will have the effect of preventing access to critical healthcare services. LLS believes that Medicaid enrollees should be afforded the peace of mind that they will not lose coverage if they fall behind on their bills or experience challenges navigating the processes to prove eligibility for exemptions. Even if it is temporary, coverage loss can be catastrophic for enrollees, including those with cancer or other serious and/or chronic health conditions.

To be clear, LLS's concern here extends to HMP enrollees who today have blood cancer as well as those who do not currently live with a blood cancer diagnosis; if during a lock-out period an individual develops blood cancer, it's likely the disease won't be diagnosed early enough to ensure the best possible health outcomes.

DISCLOSURE OF ENROLLMENT & EXPENDITURES

Federal rules at 431.408 pertaining to the state public comment process require at (a)(l)(i)(C) that a state publish an estimate of the expected increase or decrease in annual enrollment and expenditures associated with its Section 1115 waiver proposals. The intent of this section of the regulations is to allow the public to comment fully on a Section 1115 proposal, with the information in hand that is critical to understanding the full extent of a proposal's impact.

However, on pages 14-15 of this proposal, the Department reuses budget neutrality estimates from an earlier proposal that are no longer relevant and states that "MDHHS expects annual HMP enrollment to decrease but the total number of beneficiaries who will be impacted is unknown at this time." As LLS has already communicated to the Department, LLS and patient organizations across the state urge the Snyder Administration to release updated enrollment and expenditures data and to include this analysis in its application to the federal government to ensure that federal requirements have been satisfied and to enable stakeholders to assess the full impact of the Department's proposal.

Ultimately, the requirements outlined in the Department's waiver amendment do not further the goals of the Medicaid program. Instead, they needlessly compromise access to care for a very vulnerable population. Again, LLS urges the Department to reconsider its proposed amendments to its HMP demonstration waiver until such time that the issues detailed above have been addressed. LLS urges the

²⁵Melinda J. Beeuwkes Buntin, John Graves, Nikki Viverette, "State Medicaid Lessons for Federal Health Reform," *Health Affairs*, June 7, 2017, <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hblog20170607060481/full/>

²⁶Ibid.



Department to focus on solutions that can promote adequate, affordable, and accessible HMP coverage for all Michiganders.

Thank you for your consideration of LLS's comments on this important matter. If we can address any questions or provide further information, please don't hesitate to contact me at dave.almeida@lls.org or 803-546-6379.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. David Almeida".

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Dear Department of Health and Human Services,

If I have not sent these comments to the correct person/ address, would you please forward this email. Thank you.

Just today, I learned that I am permitted to comment on the proposed work requirements for those of us who need Medicaid. I am a Medicaid recipient. I am 58 years-old. I am bi-lingual (I speak both French and English.). I have two university degrees. I am completely debt-free, and I have a near-perfect credit score. I also have a serious health condition called Epstein-Barr that causes chronic, extreme fatigue. Nevertheless, I work as an independent contractor and I generally teach English and U.S. cultural practices to business executives, their spouses, and their children who have either moved permanently to live and work in the U.S., or the family is here on an exchange program to learn more about American business operations. I have also had occasion to teach French grammar, spelling, reading, and writing to native French children to prepare them for their return to the French school system once their exchange stay was finished. The work I do is quite sophisticated and interesting, but it is not stable. If a student cancels a lesson, I am not paid. The pay is low and all expenses for materials, travel, etc. are at my own cost.

For me, it is outrageous that Senator Shirkey and Governor Snyder, who receive health insurance and other lifetime benefits at taxpayer expense (I am a taxpayer!), assume that Medicaid recipients are automatically taking advantage of public benefits simply because we are poor. Obviously, they have not spent enough time among us to become aware of our daily realities! These politicians are wealthy. They do not need to be supported by taxpayer money. Why are they not purchasing their personal health insurance and other benefits on the private market?! The work requirements for Medicaid are just wrong, ignorant, and heartless. This policy needs to be stopped immediately.

Sincerely,

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Please see the attached comments submitted on behalf of United Way for Southeastern Michigan. Please let me know if there is any problem with this format or if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Re: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment, Proposed Amendment to Michigan's Medicaid Waiver

Dear Sir or Madam,

United Way for Southeastern Michigan (hereinafter, “United Way”) is dedicated to improving the health, education, and economic prosperity of all families in Southeastern Michigan which includes Wayne County, Oakland County, and Macomb County. Our organization has direct experience working with struggling and low-income families across the region. This experience gives us significant insight regarding the impact of access to health services as well as the importance of programs that assist individuals in finding sustainable employment. In light of our experience in these areas, we are very concerned about the proposed Healthy Michigan Plan §1115 Demonstration Waiver Extension Request Amendment (hereinafter, the “Waiver”).

The primary objective of Medicaid, as noted by Judge James E. Boasberg in *Maurice v. Azar*, is to furnish medical assistance to a state’s citizens.¹ In fact, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services agreed that the “purpose of Medicaid is to provide medical assistance to certain specified populations as far as practicable under the conditions in those states.”² For a section 1115 Waiver, the “statute required that the Secretary examine two criteria before doing so: First, whether the project is an ‘experimental, pilot, or demonstration project’; and second, whether the project is ‘likely to assist in promoting the objectives’ of the Act”.³

It is clear that this Waiver does not promote that objective. While United Way has many concerns about this waiver, we have highlighted three primary concerns below: 1) Reduction in recipients due to new work requirements, 2) Reduction in recipients due to new mandatory premiums, and 3) Reduction in recipients due to reporting requirements.

¹ *Stewart v. Azar*, Civil Action No. 18-152 (JEB) at 3. (D.D.C April 10, 2018), Retrieved from https://ecf.dcd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/show_public_doc?2018cv0152-74

² *Stewart v. Azar*, At 35

³ *Stewart v. Azar*, at 23.

Reduction in Recipients Due to Work Requirements

In its analysis of Michigan's Senate Bill 897 which amended the Medicaid Expansion known as the Healthy Michigan Plan, the Michigan House Fiscal Agency estimated a decline in the range of 5-10% of recipients, citing other states forecasting declines of 5-15% of recipients.⁴ This anticipated reduction is due to current Healthy Michigan recipients not meeting the new work requirements of 80 hours per month. However, the Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency noted that because implementation of such a work requirement had not yet occurred, it is impossible to determine with any degree of certainty the number of people who will no longer be eligible.⁵ Assuming that 10% is a correct estimate, with 670,000 Healthy Michigan recipients this would mean that 67,000 Michigan recipients will no longer have access to Medicaid. This alone violates the requirement that a §1115 Waiver promote the objectives of Medicaid.

Reduction Due to the New Mandatory Premiums

This Waiver includes a requirement that Healthy Michigan recipients who have an income between 100% and 133% of the federal poverty level and who have received coverage under the Healthy Michigan Plan for 48 cumulative months will now have to pay a premium of 5% of their income. Neither the House Fiscal nor Senate Fiscal analyses of this new requirement could provide any insight into the impact of this requirement on Michigan families. Instead, the Senate Fiscal Analysis simply notes that those who are unable to pay this premium will be unenrolled from the Healthy Michigan Plan, leading to greater cost savings for the State. However, the objective of Medicaid is to furnish medical assistance to a state's citizens, not to reduce access or save a state money.

The Michigan Association of United Ways has released a report known as the [ALICE Report](#), which stands for Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed.⁶ The ALICE Report looks at the cost of basic necessities, including healthcare, in each county and provides a thorough analysis of the amount an individual or family must make in order to meet their basic needs. We know from this report that 40% of Michigan residents struggle to make ends meet as is.⁷ Many of these residents fall above the Federal Poverty Level and will be subject to the 5% premiums. For families who are already struggling, this could mean choosing between access to healthcare services and putting food on the table. This is not a decision any family should be forced to make.

Since families receiving healthcare coverage through the Healthy Michigan Plan are low-income, many will not be able to pay the 5% premium and will lose their coverage. This provision will lead to an even greater decrease in the number of people who participate in the Healthy Michigan Plan.

⁴ Koostra, K. (2018, June 7). Healthy Michigan Plan Work Requirements and Premium Payment Requirements, *House Fiscal Agency*, p. 6.

⁵ Angelotti, S. (2018, June 27). Medicaid Workforce Engagement, *Senate Fiscal Agency*, p. 7.

⁶ United Ways of Michigan (2017) ALICE: Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed.

⁷ United Ways of Michigan (2017) ALICE: Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed, p. 5.

Reduction in Recipients Due to Reporting Requirements

The proposed Waiver includes a requirement that recipients provide monthly verification that they meet the work requirements or an exemption. However, the Waiver does not address how an individual will be required to provide this information. Any method of monthly reporting can create an unsurmountable burden for recipients. First, if the reporting and verification must be done in person, many recipients may fail to meet the requirements due to work schedule, child care access, or lack of transportation. Second, if the reporting and verification must be done online, many recipients may not be able to comply due to lack of or inconsistent internet access. Michigan ranks 38th in the country for access to internet,⁸ indicating that many families will struggle to report and may lose their healthcare coverage despite being eligible and meeting all of the requirements.

This issue was clearly demonstrated by Arkansas on July 1. Arkansas recently implemented a similar Medicaid work requirement law that requires reporting under which recipients were required to report their information online by July 1. After the individuals who were automatically exempted, there were 10,304 people who were required report online.⁹ Of those people, 72% did not take any action to report.¹⁰ One factor that is responsible for this is the lack of access to internet. Arkansas ranks 46th in the nation with regard to access to internet¹¹ and the Urban Institute found that up to 31% of those required to report had no access to the internet in their homes.¹² Another factor that is likely responsible for the overwhelming majority of recipients not reporting is that they had not received notice.¹³ Low income households have higher rates of residential instability, making it difficult to provide them with advanced notice that reporting requirements have changed.¹⁴

Michigan's access to the internet is only marginally better than Arkansas's, and Michigan stands to face the same problems locating and providing notice to recipients of the changes to Healthy Michigan reporting requirements. Therefore, Michigan is also likely to see a dramatic decrease in the number of recipients accessing Healthy Michigan, not because many are ineligible, but because they do not report. Once again, this provision fails to promote the primary objective of Medicaid, furnishing medical assistance to its citizens.

⁸ Internet Access Rankings, *US News*, Retrieved from <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/rankings/infrastructure/internet-access>.

⁹ Alker, J. and Maggie Clark. (2018, July 20). One Month Into Medicaid Work Requirement in Arkansas, Warning Lights are Already Flashing, *Georgetown University Health Policy Institute: Center for Children and Families*, Retrieved from <https://ccf.georgetown.edu/2018/07/20/one-month-into-arkansas-medicaid-work-requirement-the-warning-lights-are-already-flashing/>.

¹⁰ Alker.

¹¹ Internet Access Rankings.

¹² Alker.

¹³ Alker.

¹⁴ Alker.

Conclusion

This Waiver does not serve to promote the primary objective of Medicaid. In fact, it is contrary to the purpose of Medicaid because it is likely to decrease access to medical services dramatically. Therefore, we request that this proposed Waiver not be sent to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services unless changes are made that will ensure that access to healthcare services is not reduced.

In addition, this Waiver fails to provide a clear understanding of how recipients will be required to report. Therefore, we urge MDHHS to revise this amendment to include a description of the reporting requirements and the steps that will be taken to ensure all recipients are able to access the reporting structure and are provided adequate notice of the reporting requirements.

If you have any questions regarding these comments or if you would like additional data and information about the negative impacts of the changes proposed in this Waiver, please contact Kyle DuBuc, Director of Advocacy & Government Relations at United Way for Southeastern Michigan at Kyle.DuBuc@liveunitedsem.org or Cassie Hare, Policy & Advocacy Specialist at Cassie.Hare@liveunitedsem.org.

Sincerely,

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Dear Whomever It May Concern:

Attached is a letter from both the Hemophilia Federation of America and Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan regarding the Michigan's Section 1115 Demonstration Extension Application.

Please let us know if you need anything additional.

Thanks,

Deema Tarazi



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Re: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment

Dear Director Lyon:

Hemophilia Federation of America (HFA) and Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan (HFM) appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on Michigan's Section 1115 Demonstration Extension Application.

HFA is a national non-profit organization that represent individuals with bleeding disorders across the United States. Our mission is to ensure that individuals affected by hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders have timely access to quality medical care, therapies, and services, regardless of financial circumstances or place of residence. HFM is the only agency in Michigan that provides education, advocacy and supportive services for those affected by bleeding disorders, including family members and caregivers. HFM strives to improve the quality of life for all people affected by hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, other coagulation disorders and related complications, including HIV/AIDS and hepatitis.

HFA and HFM believe healthcare should affordable, accessible and adequate. HFA and HFM strongly support the Healthy Michigan Program, which has extended coverage to 680,000 low-income individuals and families in the state.ⁱ We do not know how many people with hemophilia are covered by the Healthy Michigan Program, but we do know that nationally, about thirty percent of the bleeding disorders population depends on Medicaid.

The purpose of the Medicaid program is to provide affordable healthcare coverage for low-income individuals and families. Unfortunately, Michigan's application does not meet this objective and will instead create new financial and administrative barriers that jeopardize access to healthcare for Michigan residents, including patients with bleeding disorders. According to one estimate by the Michigan House Fiscal Agency, up to 54,000 Michiganders will lose their coverage as a result of this proposal.ⁱⁱ

Under the waiver, individuals with incomes between 100 and 138 percent of the federal poverty level (approximately \$1,372/month to \$1,893/month for a family of two) would face new barriers to coverage after receiving 48 cumulative months of coverage through the Healthy Michigan program. Under the waiver proposal, these individuals would be required to pay monthly premiums equal to five percent of their income and complete or commit to an annual healthy behavior assessment, unless they can demonstrate that they qualify for an exemption. Individuals who cannot meet this requirement will lose their coverage. A premium of five percent of monthly income will range from approximately \$50 to \$67 for an individual, a sizable cost for this low-income population. Research has shown that even relatively low levels of cost-sharing for low-income populations limit the use of necessary healthcare services.ⁱⁱⁱ Additionally, HFA and HFM are concerned that, instead of incentivizing healthy behaviors, conditioning coverage on completing an annual healthy behavior assessment will reduce coverage for individuals in

need of care. Ensuring that Medicaid enrollees have access to comprehensive health coverage that includes all of the treatments and services that they need to live healthy lives would likely be a more effective approach to improving health in Michigan.

Also, under this waiver, individuals between the ages of 19 and 62 would be required to either demonstrate that they work at least 80 hours per month or meet exemptions. One major consequence of this proposal will be to increase the administrative burden on all patients. Individuals will need to attest that they meet certain exemptions or have worked the required number of hours on a monthly basis. Increasing administrative requirements will likely decrease the number of individuals with Medicaid coverage, regardless of whether they are exempt or not. For example, after Washington state changed its renewal process from every twelve months to every six months and instituted new documentation requirements in 2003, approximately 35,000 fewer children were enrolled in the program by the end of 2004.^{iv} Battling administrative red tape in order to keep coverage should not take away from patients' or caregivers' focus on maintaining their or their family's health.

Failing to navigate these burdensome administrative requirements could have serious – even life or death – consequences for people with serious, acute and chronic diseases, including bleeding disorders. If the state finds that individuals have failed to comply with the new requirements for three months, they will be locked out of coverage for *at least* one month. Additionally, if the state finds that individuals have misrepresented their compliance, these individuals will be locked out of coverage for one year. People with bleeding disorders rely on essential medications to manage their condition: to prevent bleeding, and to treat acute breakthrough bleeding episodes. They cannot afford to experience a gap in their care.

HFA and HFM are also concerned that the current exemption criteria may not capture all individuals with, or at risk of, serious and chronic health conditions that prevent them from meeting these requirements. While HFA and HFM are pleased that patients will have the option to demonstrate that they qualify for an exemption through self-attestation, the reporting process still creates opportunities for administrative error that could jeopardize coverage. No exemption criteria can circumvent this problem and the serious risk to the coverage and health of the people we represent.

Administering these requirements will be expensive for Michigan. The Michigan House Fiscal Agency estimates that the state's administrative costs will be approximately \$20 million, in addition to one-time information technology costs of up to \$10 million.^v States such as Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia have also estimated that setting up the administrative systems to track and verify exemptions and work activities will cost tens of millions of dollars.^{vi} These costs would divert resources from Medicaid's core goal – providing health coverage to those without access to care – as well from other important initiatives in the state of Michigan.

Ultimately, the requirements outlined in this waiver do not further the goals of the Medicaid program or help low-income individuals improve their circumstances without needlessly compromising their access to care. Most people on Medicaid who can work already do so.^{vii} A recent study, published in *JAMA Internal Medicine*, looked at the employment status and characteristics of Michigan's Medicaid enrollees.^{viii} The study found only about a quarter were unemployed (27.6 percent). Of this 27.6 percent of enrollees, two thirds reported having a chronic physical condition and a quarter reported having a mental or physical condition that interfered with their ability to work.

HFA and HFM also wish to highlight that the federal rules at 431.408 pertaining to state public comment

process require at (a)(1)(i)(C) that a state include an estimate of the expected increase or decrease in annual enrollment and expenditures if applicable. The intent of this section of the regulations is to allow the public to comment on a Section 1115 proposal with adequate information to assess its impact. However, on pages 14-15 of this proposal, the Department reuses budget neutrality estimates from an earlier proposal that are no longer relevant and states that “MDHHS expects annual HMP enrollment to decrease but the total number of beneficiaries who will be impacted is unknown at this time.” We urge the Administration to release updated enrollment and expenditures data and include this analysis in its application to the federal government to ensure the application meets federal requirements.

HFA and HFM believe everyone should have access to quality and affordable healthcare coverage. Michigan’s Section 1115 Demonstration Extension Application does not advance that goal. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,



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ⁱ Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Healthy Michigan Plan Enrollment Statistics, July 31, 2018. Available at https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_2943_66797---,00.html.

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^{vi} Misty Williams, “Medicaid Changes Require Tens of Millions in Upfront Costs,” Roll Call, February 26, 2018, <https://www.rollcall.com/news/politics/medicaid-kentucky>.

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Please find attached our comments on the Healthy Michigan Plan Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver Extension Request Amendment.

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Re: Comments on the Healthy Michigan Plan Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver Extension Request Amendment

Dear Ms. Stiffler:

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan (“Planned Parenthood”) submits these comments regarding the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (“the State” or “the Department”) Healthy Michigan Plan Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver Extension Request Amendment.

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan is the state’s leading women’s health advocacy organization. We are committed to ensuring that women, young people, and men across the state of Michigan are able to access affordable, quality reproductive health care services, and as such, believe that expansion of Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has been critical for making great strides toward improving health equity and health care access. In fact, we are proud that the Healthy Michigan Plan has provided coverage to over 670,000 low-income Michigan residents.

We support Michigan’s commitment to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in order to provide needed health care coverage to more women and families. Medicaid is a vital part of the health care system and plays a major role in ensuring access to essential primary and preventive care services for women, men, and young people. With greater access to coverage, women across the state have been able to obtain women’s health services that are critical to their health and well-being, including birth control, life-saving cancer screenings, and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections.

However, we are concerned that Michigan’s latest proposal to condition Medicaid coverage on mandatory participation in work or work-like activities will undermine health care access for individuals with low incomes in Michigan, including many of the patients that we serve. While the State claims that the goals of this Section 1115 demonstration waiver are to promote economic stability and improve health outcomes, we fear the result will be the exact opposite and people’s health will suffer. Unfortunately, women of color will be harmed the most by efforts to roll back Medicaid coverage since, due to the intersections of race, poverty, and gender in our country, women of color are most likely to be low-income and have Medicaid coverage.

We urge the State to reconsider its proposal as such requirements are inconsistent with and contrary to the requirements of Section 1115 waivers. Finally, we want to remind Michigan to

ensure that the Medicaid program in our state reflects women’s unique health needs and enables women to access the health care services they need without barrier or delay.

1. *The State of Michigan Should Rescind its Proposal that Requires Employment or Other Work-Like Activities as a Condition to Medicaid Coverage.*

Planned Parenthood is aware that CMS has already issued guidance supporting Medicaid enrollment restrictions, including conditioning Medicaid coverage on compliance with work activities.^[1] However, Michigan seeking to move such proposal is not only misguided and dangerous, but will threaten access to critical health coverage for many women and families with low incomes. For over 50 years, Medicaid has provided benefits for all eligible individuals—with eligibility being determined by income and/or special characteristic (e.g., pregnancy, being a child under 19, or having a disability). Under Michigan’s proposed waiver, the state would be allowed to narrow eligibility and limit enrollment for adults under the age of 50 based on a person’s participation in state-approved work activities, with limited exceptions. This proposal clearly contravenes the objectives of Medicaid and does not serve a legitimate experimental purpose.

First, in order to be approved pursuant to Section 1115 of the Social Security Act, Michigan’s application must:

- propose an “experiment[], pilot or demonstration”;
- waive compliance only with requirements in 42 U.S.C. § 1396a;
- be likely to promote the objectives of the Medicaid Act; and
- be approved only “to the extent and for the period necessary” to carry out the experiment.^[2]

The purpose of Medicaid is to enable states to furnish medical assistance to individuals with low incomes who are unable to meet the costs of medical care and to furnish such assistance and services to help these individuals attain or retain the capacity for independence and self-care.^[3]

Conditioning Medicaid eligibility on participation in work activities would block access to care and services that help individuals attain and retain independence or self-care and, as a result, be able to work.^[4] Research confirms that Medicaid coverage helps individuals to obtain and maintain employment. In a recent study of Ohio’s Medicaid program, 74.8 percent of unemployed Medicaid expansion enrollees reported Medicaid made it easier to secure and maintain employment.^[5] As an example, Medicaid coverage helped an Ohio woman who was suffering from a severe hernia and was previously unable to get out of bed to receive the surgery she needed to improve her health and go back to work.^[6] Medicaid enrollees also report less financial stress and depression, and greater financial security than individuals who are uninsured.^[7]

Second, imposing Medicaid work requirements is a policy proposal to address a non-existent problem, as the vast majority of people with Medicaid coverage work or have a reason for not working. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, a majority of non-elderly adults with Medicaid coverage (more than 6 in 10) are already working. Among adults with Medicaid coverage who did not work, it was likely because they were: going to school (15%); taking care of their home or family (14%); retired (2%); unable to find full-time work (10%) or facing slack business conditions (11%); or dealing with illness (35%) or disability (31%).^[9] Further, almost two-thirds (62%) of those who could lose Medicaid coverage due to work requirements are women.^[10] Women will be disproportionately harmed by the state’s proposal, as they are more likely to provide informal and undervalued caregiving to family members—including spouses and parents—work that typically would not fulfill the work requirement.^[11] Creating burdensome

administrative hurdles and red tape to getting Medicaid coverage will inevitably result in eligible people losing needed coverage, causing the health of Michiganders across the state to suffer.

Experience has shown that imposing work requirements as a condition of receipt of public benefits is particularly harmful for women and families and does nothing to help people secure employment. For example, work requirements were a key feature of the 1996 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) legislation. Rigorous review of data over the last several decades found that TANF employment mandates did not boost the job prospects of low-income women;^[12] rather, they led to women losing TANF benefits and more children living in poverty.^[13] Further, mandatory work requirements could also have harmful spillover effects for children whose parents or caretakers lose coverage. Research shows that expanding coverage to parents and caretakers is associated with increased receipt of recommended pediatric preventive care for their children.^[14] That study noted an “independent relationship between parental Medicaid enrollment and children’s primary care use in low-income families” and cautions that “our results reveal the potential for reductions in adult Medicaid coverage to have unintended spillover effects on children’s health care use.”^[15]

Rather than imposing these harmful requirements on Medicaid enrollees, the state of Michigan should instead focus on voluntary, evidence-based anti-poverty efforts that will provide legitimate and equitable opportunities for women and families, such as family planning access, educational assistance, job training, and affordable child care.^[16] We urge the State of Michigan to rescind its proposal to impose work requirements as it will have the impact of making people lose needed health coverage, thus threatening their economic circumstances.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed waiver. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (734)926-4815.

Respectfully submitted,

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^[1] SMD 18-002, “Opportunities to Promote Work and Community Engagement Among Medicaid Beneficiaries,” (Jan. 11, 2018). <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/smd18002.pdf>.

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the more restrictive waiver rules. United States Dep't of Health & Human Servs., *State Welfare Waivers: An Overview*, <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/isp/waiver2/waivers.htm>.

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RE: Michigan's proposed Section 1115 Waiver Extension

Dear Ms. Prokop,

As one of Michigan's largest Medicaid providers, the Detroit Medical Center ("DMC") is invested in improving access to quality health care in Michigan and appreciates the opportunity to comment on Michigan's proposed Section 1115 Waiver Extension published on July 9, 2018 (the "Waiver Extension"). DMC understands that the legislature required work requirements be included in the Waiver Extension as imposed by Senate Bill 897, now known as Public Act 208.

Our questions and comments fall within three categories: 1) implications of the D.C. federal district court's decision regarding Kentucky's Section 1115 Waiver work requirements; 2) implementation and administration of the new requirements; and 3) the Department's interpretation of the Healthy Michigan Plan ("HMP") termination clause contained within Public Act 208.

How does the Department plan to address the recent Federal Court decision regarding Kentucky's Medicaid work requirements?

On June 22, 2018, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 897, which required the Department to include work requirements and other "healthy behavior" criteria for Medicaid expansion enrollees in the Waiver Extension.

Seven days later, on June 29, 2018, a D.C. federal district court invalidated nearly identical work requirements in Kentucky's 1115 Waiver.¹ The Court held that HHS acted arbitrarily or capriciously in concluding that the new requirements would achieve the Medicaid Act's objectives of 1) furnishing medical assistance, and 2) providing services to help individual attain or retain independence. Specifically, the Court determined that HHS never "adequately" analyzed the loss of coverage that would occur because of the requirements and never considered whether the new requirements would help promote healthcare coverage. For example, the Court stated that HHS "never provided a bottom-line estimate for how many people would lose Medicaid" coverage.

¹ *Stewart v. Azar*, CV No. 18-152 (JEB), 2018 WL 3203384 (D.D.C. June 29, 2018).

In light of this opinion, DMC has the following questions:

- Does the Department plan to work with the Legislature to revise the Waiver Extension in accordance with the federal court opinion, or, does the Department intend to pursue the Waiver Extension as-is?
- What is the Department's position on how the new requirements contained within the Waiver Extension promote the objectives of the Medicaid Act?
- Has the Department quantified (a "bottom-line estimate") how many people will lose Medicaid coverage under the new requirements?

How does the Department plan to address the loss of Medicaid coverage?

As mentioned above, it is unknown how many people will lose Medicaid coverage as a result of the new requirements.

- What is the Department's plan to address the loss in Medicaid coverage and the corresponding increase in uninsured patients?
- As uninsured patients increase, hospitals will experience an increase in uninsured costs. How does the Department intend to address increased uninsured costs for hospitals?
- Has the Department modeled the long-term impact of the new requirements on loss of Medicaid coverage and provider payments?

How does the Department intend to design, implement, and administer the new requirements?

The Waiver Extension imposes reporting requirements upon beneficiaries to demonstrate either compliance with the new conditions of eligibility, or qualification for one of the exemptions. DMC is concerned about the vulnerability of compliant or exempted individuals who face disenrollment merely as a result of not meeting the documentation requirements.

- How does the Department plan to communicate the changes in eligibility requirements to beneficiaries?
- What are the Department's plans to implement the reporting and documentation requirements?
- How will the Department administer the coverage suspension appeals process, referenced during the Department's public hearing on August 1, 2018, to prevent coverage lapses for Healthy Michigan beneficiaries solely due to documentation and reporting issues?

DMC requests the Department's interpretation of the HMP termination clause contained within Public Act 208.

Public Act 208 includes a clause that terminates the Health Michigan Program if any of the following events occur: a) CMS does not approve the Waiver Extension within 12 months of the Department's submission; b) CMS denies the Waiver Extension, and fails to approve a new or replacement Waiver Extension within 12 months; c) CMS cancels the Waiver Extension, and fails to approve a new or replacement Waiver Extension within 12 months;

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d) the Waiver Extension is otherwise invalidated, and CMS fails to approve a new or replacement Waiver Extension within 12 months; or e) CMS approves the Waiver Extension, but the Waiver Extension fails to comply with the requirements of the applicable statutory section.

- Which requirements does the HMP termination clause cover?
- What is the Department's interpretation of the HMP termination clause in light of the Kentucky federal court opinion?
- It is DMC's understanding that if the requirements are invalidated, the Department will still have 12 months for CMS to approve a new Waiver Extension. Is this the Department's understanding?

Conclusion

If approved, the proposed Waiver Extension will have a considerable impact on Michigan's Medicaid population. DMC respectfully requests the Department's response on the above questions and comments and also urges the Department to work with CMS to arrive at a Waiver Extension that upholds the goals of the Medicaid Act. DMC appreciates this opportunity to ask questions and submit comments. Thank you for your consideration.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Healthy Michigan Plan §1115 Demonstration Extension Application Amendment.

The Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) represents all acute care hospitals in Michigan, as well as their parent health systems. The MHA opposed the legislation to adopt a work requirement for certain people who qualify for the Healthy Michigan Plan throughout the legislative debate on this matter. On behalf of its members, the MHA remains concerned that the work requirement will not increase self-sufficiency, but will lead to the loss of coverage for people who need care, and potentially disrupt the economic progress of people who are gaining ground on poverty.

The Kaiser Family Foundation conservatively estimated for the Kentucky Medicaid work requirement plan that 5 to 15 percent of those eligible, and in compliance with their work requirement, would lose coverage. This is due to the burden of online or paper reporting being incomplete or not done at all. A smaller but significant number of people would lose coverage because they fail to claim the exemptions to which they are entitled.

Having a healthcare benefit may actually be a key to increasing self-sufficiency and financial independence. As Kaiser Family Foundation researchers concluded from a comprehensive review of the available evidence, "access to affordable health insurance has a positive effect on people's ability to obtain and maintain employment," while lack of access to needed care, especially mental healthcare and substance use treatment, impedes employment.ⁱ

Despite the lack of evidence for work requirements improving economic security and the risk of causing loss of coverage for people who are ill or will become ill during this demonstration, the MHA recognizes that PA 208 of 2018 requires MDHHS to implement the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) work requirement. The MHA offers the following comments specific to the MDHHS waiver amendment.

1. Under Section V, Program Financing, MDHHS states it "expects the annual HMP enrollment to decrease, but the total number of beneficiaries who will be impacted is unknown at this time."

Estimates are made on the potential coverage loss in other states imposing work requirements. Kentucky's work requirement, which is the subject of a federal lawsuit,

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puts coverage for 95,000 people at risk. The arbitrary nature of this risk, and the failure of the state of Kentucky to demonstrate why this coverage loss advances the goals of the Medicaid program are the subject of the debate in the federal court. MDHHS should put forth a good-faith estimate of how many people are likely to lose coverage under this policy, and explain how this coverage loss will not undermine the improvements the HMP is currently demonstrating for the state of Michigan.

2. Under Section VI, Evaluation Report, the list of domains should be expanded to include:
 - a. The number of people who lose coverage due to their failure or inability to directly comply with the work, training, or volunteer requirements of PA 208 of 2018.
 - b. The number of people who are working or are otherwise in compliance, but lose coverage due to their failure or inability to demonstrate they are working.
 - c. The impact of coverage loss on people who were eligible and who have acute illness (cancer, organ failure) and/or chronic illness (diabetes, heart disease).
3. Under Attachment L, Medically Frail Identification Process, the MDHHS should amend this part to include a plan to notify all existing HMP-eligible people of their opportunity to seek an exemption for medical frailty, and include in that notice a more complete description of what qualifies as medically frail. This same notice should be delivered to all primary care clinicians identified by these patients. This can be accomplished using the claims history available through the Medicaid managed care plans.

Again, the MHA appreciates both the opportunity to provide this comment and to continue its working relationship with the leadership and staff at the MDHHS to maximize the effectiveness and value of the HMP. As you are aware, MHA member hospitals were required to take substantial Medicare reductions to help provide funding for coverage expansion. Between 2010, four years before HMP expansion began, and 2019, these payment reductions total \$7 billion for Michigan hospitals. In exchange, Michigan hospitals were in support of expanding Medicaid and providing coverage through the private coverage insurance exchange system. Michigan hospitals will continue to sustain these Medicare reductions. The HMP must continue to sustain its promise of coverage for those in Michigan who are at, below and barely above the federal poverty line.

If you have any questions or care to discuss this letter, please contact me at your convenience at 517-703-8606 or lappel@mha.org.

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¹ <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/the-relationship-between-work-and-health-findings-from-a-literature-review/>

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Please find my comments attached in the letter below.

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Nick Lyon, Director
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
333 S. Grand Avenue
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Director Lyon,

On behalf of my constituents in the 52nd House District, I am submitting my opposition to the Department's proposed waiver request for the extension of its Healthy Michigan Section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration to be published on the state's website as part of the public record. Known as Medicaid work rules, the House Fiscal Agency estimates that 54,000 Michiganders may lose coverage under this proposal, including many in the 52nd House District.

When Senate Bill 897, from which this waiver proposal takes several provisions, was first introduced I viewed it as a solution looking for a problem. The bill was not about work requirements; it was about restricting access to Medicaid benefits for a small percentage of Michiganders who are struggling to make ends meet. The proposal is both costly and impractical. The administrative costs associated with operating the proposed program have been estimated to be in the tens of millions of dollars with negligible offset savings. I do not support bloated bureaucracy and increased costs at the expense of the health of Michigan families.

In Kentucky, state officials came dangerously close to taking coverage away from 95,000 citizens. The role of the Department of Health and Human Services is to ensure the health and well-being of state residents. Adding work requirements that will ultimately result in thousands of working, low-income Michiganders losing health coverage, without dedicating any new funding to job assistance programs or skills training is in direct opposition to the mission and purpose of the DHHS.

In addition, this proposal will cause premiums to skyrocket for low-income individuals while likely causing even those who qualify under the new work rules to lose coverage due to paperwork and added bureaucratic red tape. We have seen many beneficiaries lose coverage in Arkansas simply for not filling out the necessary forms within the first month of the program. I do not believe that the state should trade the health and well-being of Michigan families for costly and unnecessary burdens to its assistance programs.

Thank you for your consideration. It is my sincere hope that the Department of Health and Human Services will join me in prioritizing the health and wellness of Michigan residents by pursuing policies that help Michiganders *overcome* obstacles to health care coverage. Once

again, I ask that these comments be published on the state's waiver website as a part of the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna Lasinski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

Donna Lasinski
State Representative
52nd District

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:11:15 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Access to health preventative healthcare keeps healthcare costs low for everyone. Negative reinforcement by restricting access to preventative healthcare does not encourage people to get jobs, it makes it more difficult to obtain to employment. If the goal is to increase employment, providing supports for employment will actually benefit individuals. Removing access to healthcare increases the strain on emergency services and makes it more difficult for individuals to access employment. Increasing access to healthcare benefits everyone."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:12:04 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" The proposed changes to add work restrictions to Medicaid benefits perverts the original mandate of Title XIX of the Social Security Amendments Act of 1965. This Act's objective is to provide aid to people without adequate income or resources to meet the costs of necessary medical services. By threatening recipients with cancellation of benefits if they do not work for three months in a calendar year, these new Republican-backed rules will put more at-risk people at the mercy of the market place. Increasing co-pays by 150% amounts to a tax hike that will place undue financial burdens on communities that will struggle to meet the needs of their people, inevitably resulting in rising local taxes and the exhaustion of local charitable initiatives. Finally, it seems to me that this change in rules is one more political move to get rid of the Healthy Michigan program: the citation that these new rules are a "hand up, not a hand out," reinforces a patronizing attitude that people don't really need welfare. Instead, we should uphold this cost-effective program as a robust government service that provides a safety net to those in need."

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" These changes will increase the death-rate and all of those things in society that are effected when people are sicker and in pain (untreated). Lost hours from work; not being able to work. Homelessness. More crime. Hopelessness will prevail and when people are down and out and in pain, they will do things to just survive. We're better than that as human beings."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:13:43 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" The process to acquire exemption from work requirements are like to be as challenging as the Medicaid application and redetermination processes which are too difficult for eligible individuals. This will result in the loss of critical behavioral and physical health care coverage."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:14:26 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" If people face work requirements when they aren't able to work, they will probably just go uninsured. This will result in an increase in sickness and deaths, and put an added burden on our economy and especially hospital emergency rooms. Treating the uninsured will once again pass more healthcare cost to those that have health insurance, which may lead those people to not be able to afford their own health insurance plans."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:15:24 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a retired Social Worker with over 30 years of experience working to help families move out of poverty. Today I will share the story of [REDACTED] a 60 year old woman living in Flint. I met [REDACTED] in 2016 as I served as a volunteer going door to door offering families bottled water, water filters, and education on preventing/mitigating the effects of lead exposure.

[REDACTED] had been serving as an unofficial block captain as many of her neighbors are older than her and have limited mobility. [REDACTED] began volunteering well beyond her block to help other families affected by the water crisis.

[REDACTED] is a survivor of childhood abuse. She is also a breast cancer survivor. Yet [REDACTED] is resourceful, industrious and constantly seeking opportunities to improve her own life and the life of her community. [REDACTED] is a felon who after serving prison time out of state where she received proper treatment, completely turned her life around. [REDACTED] then returned to Flint to obtain guardianship of her granddaughter to avoid her entry into the foster care system. Additionally in attempt to break the cycle of poverty, [REDACTED] volunteers at her granddaughter's school and has sought out tutoring and other affordable enrichment opportunities.

Since [REDACTED] has returned to Flint she has worked hard to be financially independent. She had no transportation and relied on public transportation and her bicycle. After applying for jobs with out success [REDACTED] sought out a job training program. She was a star pupil and was asked to give the graduation speech to her peers. Although the program increased [REDACTED] skills and confidence, finding a job as a felon is not easy. It took several months and a willingness to make arrangements for her granddaughter, so that [REDACTED] could leave home at 5 a.m. to arrive at work. [REDACTED] works regularly at her part time job where she is offered 2-3 shifts a week, well short of the 29 hours required to receive Medicaid in SB 0897. She has been in chronic pain for several months and has been waiting for 2 months to see a specialist. Yet she maintains her job.

I do not know if [REDACTED] is aware of the proposed Medicaid changes. I have not discussed this with her because I am concerned about adding stress to her life as making ends meet currently is a daily struggle. I am hopeful that our legislators will understand that placing such requirements on healthcare does not help move families beyond poverty. In fact it is harmful not only to adults but to children if their parents cannot receive healthcare.

[REDACTED] story is one of many such families in Michigan. I hope you will really take time to consider the impact of this change.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:16:53 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" I would be unable to pay premiums and lose coverage."

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" It'll probably kill my sister and sister in law. Possibly me. It'll definitely kill many people."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" The work requirements would make me lose my health care coverage. It would be a death sentence."

From: [REDACTED]
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I am opposed to making those “able bodied” persons work or do community service or any other activity to receive Medicaid services.

Many people who are unemployed are such because of chronic diseases and/or mental illness. These people need Medicaid.

The other issue is why they are unemployed. A lack of transportation perhaps or any other many reasons.

To reiterate I oppose the actions to make Medicaid unavailable to those who need it.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" I think there would be increased frustration and anger from residents who use and need Medicaid by adding these restrictions. I don't want negativity and anger to increase in those folks in my community because they feel they are even more out upon. I want to be part of a community which helps build supports and bridges to help folks like that."

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" I work with the homeless community. Most people do not have transportation. If you want them to volunteer somewhere where do they keep their belongings? If they had the ability to work they would. Many of these people have mental illnesses and no social support. If they don't have their medication they will end up in jail."

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" It will affect those individuals greatly. We will have to pay at the end for others who cannot not afford to."

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" If you are disabled or have pre-existing conditions and you are forced to work for a program that is meant to help with the burden of these conditions it doesn't make any sense."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" The changes would affect all communities tremendously, because what good does it do anyone to have sick people amongst healthy people in any environment?"

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Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Recipients would have to choose between child care, transportation costs and medical coverage when unable to afford all three at once."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

"You can't believe that everyone that needs help is abusing the system. To take away benefits would make costs rise for every worker without the benefit of a family getting any help needed."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:30:31 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" My daughter has pre-existing life long conditions. She will never be able to get private insurance let alone hold a job that will afford her to do so."

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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Medicaid has helped me at times when I have been unemployed and I feel no one should have to go without insurance. Make the wealthy that benefits and steal from the poor pay more in taxes to help offset insurance issues."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:32:46 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" My son has Spectrum Autism. Having Medicaid has allow him to have resources that I couldn't ever pay for. Please continue to keep service the way they are."

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:33:45 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" I have been able to get needed vaccines for myself and my child without paying the hefty price tag. I have been able to see a doctor as well. I pay a very small copay and don't mind one bit."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" If I didn't have Medicaid coverage, I wouldn't be able to get the help I need for my chronic illness."

From: [REDACTED]
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Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:35:32 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" My family has not directly benefited from Medicaid coverage, but many in our northern Michigan area have. The proposed changes will be more punitive than helpful, and as far as I can tell would create a management and bureaucratic nightmare. The work requirement is in every respect a bad idea that, more than anything, expresses a disturbing hostility to those who most need the state program as it now stands. Will the state provide jobs for those affected? How about job training? Have the members of the legislature who supported this measure considered the effects on any current recipient who might be disqualified? On the medical resources? Please withdraw the measure; doing so will be both humane and practical."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:36:15 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

**" My son has Schizophrenia and must have his medications in order to be sane.
Medicaid has made this possible."**

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" My son is DMDD, ADHD, and socially impaired. The medication alone would be over 4,000 a month. There is absolutely no way I could provide these medications with out medicaid assistance"

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:40:01 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" One major benefit is being able to afford my child's epilepsy medication (before insurance and medicaid cost of 7,000 for one month supply last month)."

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:40:40 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" A healthy population is more productive. Preventative medicine is less expensive than emergency care or care postponed until crisis."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:41:24 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" My 25 year old daughter has mild intellectual and physical disabilities due to epilepsy. She has been employed part time at a fast food restaurant for the past year, but that was only after having tried to find employment since high school. Without Medicaid, I don't know how she will ever have any medical insurance."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" If it wasn't for Medicaid, my children wouldn't have insurance. I have a severely disabled child and she'd be screwed without Medicaid. We depend on it."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Medical services have managed issues that stabilized their life leading to employment."

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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Medicaid is the result of a recognition that, in a country where healthcare is prohibitively expensive, there should at least be a minimum level of public assurance that those facing extreme financial distress can still have some kind of healthcare coverage."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" A healthy person can be a productive person."

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Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" If you are disabled or have pre-existing conditions and you are forced to work for a program that is meant to help with the burden of these conditions it doesn't make any sense."

From: [REDACTED]
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Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:57:13 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Our family would lose our home and transportation, so we could afford our child's medication"

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:58:21 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" The changes are mostly designed to shame poor people and increase burdens on them, with no significant beneficial effect on the budget or economy."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:59:19 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" As long as my daughter can maintain employment, she would meet those requirements, but when/if the economy goes bad, I fear she could lose her job and then what?"

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 5:00:06 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" It would be awful if our family lost Medicaid. And it would also be devastating to the community if lots of families lost health insurance."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 5:00:48 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Adding stress to recipients, additional paperwork, people who are awaiting a determination for disability will be left in limbo"

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 5:01:31 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

"The premium may impose a hardship when earning such low wages, taking away from housing, transportation costs and other life expenses."

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" The primary result of work requirements would be that people who are already the victims of an economy that does not guarantee employment for every person would be punished in the harshest of ways--by having their only access to healthcare coverage stripped from them. This would make my community a less humane world to live in."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 5:03:07 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" The only issue I have with the changes is the cost of daycare. Prevents many parents from seeking employment"

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 5:03:00 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident..

" As a volunteer Navigator, I help people sign up for health insurance. I have helped many people sign up for Medicaid. Many of these people didn't have health insurance for many years before the Healthy Michigan Plan was implemented. A few are unemployable because of mental problems or health problems (although not officially disabled.) Many work, but have difficulty finding jobs that reliably provide enough work hours. Because their part-time employer keeps changing the work schedule, it is hard for them to get a second job to increase their work hours. Some have a prison record that makes it hard for them to get work. My wife volunteers at an church outreach project in Detroit. Many people she meets live in neighborhoods with no available jobs and they don't have transportation to suburban jobs."

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

"I help people deal with MDHHS workers who are already overworked. This will provide even more burden on these caseworkers, making it harder for everyone who deals with the benefit system. I think it is inevitable that some people will fall through the cracks: being denied Medicaid when they should be eligible. This will also increase financial stress on hospitals and community health centers."

From: [REDACTED]
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Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 5:05:01 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

"More people have the ability to get their basic health needs met. My costs are lower because people don't have to go to the ER for things that could be managed through a GP."

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" I believe the MI Medicaid expansion has helped low income MI families get the care they need to stay healthy by receiving appropriate primary and preventative care, rather than more expensive urgent and emergency care"

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" By having medicaid, I am able to focus on my vocational skills, volunteer work, and infirmities without the worry of getting sick or medical condition regressing and thus, prohibiting me from being a productive member of society."

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Did not know I was Diabetic, Rushed to hospital unconscious, Had no insurance, Was approved for medicaid retroactively, Covered 2 Hospitalizations for Diabetic Ketoacidosis (Diabetes is still very hard to understand!)"

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" My family has what is considered “good” health insurance, but I know that we are all at risk when all do not have healthcare. There but for fortune go you or I."

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Medicaid coverage has expanded access to necessary health care that helps families be more self-reliant."

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 5:10:39 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Michigan's Medicaid program has been a vital resource for over half-a-million people in our state. Medicaid provides essential health benefits for an at-risk population, which benefits not only the individual but the community as a whole, helping to keep down hospital costs and expenses for the state."

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Healthcare is a right. Medicaid makes communities stronger."

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Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 5:12:23 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Medicaid has provided cancer treatment for family members who would not had the opportunity to seek proper treatment. It has allowed preventable treatment for loved ones to live a productive life."

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" I have several family members who delayed getting care because of lack of insurance, waiting until they could get coverage through a new job. Some of these family member experienced severe consequences to their health, and at least two of them lost their new job because their health had deteriorated so much in the intervening period. I have a nephew in the hospital right now with a brain tumor that was untreated because he did not have access to care. In addition, the stigma related to accessing Medicaid prevents other family members from applying, which would help them very much in managing chronic illnesses like diabetes. Work requirements and all the unsupported rhetoric around them only make this stigma worse, and make it harder for people to get or stay healthy"

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" More people will not be able to afford their basic needs. More people will get sick and die unnecessarily. This negatively impacts everyone in the community."

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 5:16:17 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" These changes will not reduce the number of individuals on Medicaid, they will only create new headaches and challenges in providing healthcare. The real "free loaders" in the system are the politicians who earn a good income, but receive free, lifelong healthcare on the taxpayers' dime."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Chipping away at the poor will not balance the budget"

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To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 5:18:53 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" The bureaucracy, confusion, hardship and shame would force people back into being uninsured"

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 5:20:07 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" People will suffer, needlessly. This is 100% unacceptable in this richest and most powerful nation in the world"

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 5:20:55 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Healthy residents results in higher quality of life for everyone in the community."

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" Michigan's new Medicaid law is a poorly-written piece of legislation that will harm the Medicaid population. Medicaid was never designed to be a workplace development project, which is part of this legislation's intention. The mandatory work requirements will be a burden for many Medicaid recipients. Many already work but will have difficulties Meeting the 20 hour per week requirement, since their work is inconsistent and study hours. Also, accessing child care and transportation Will be difficult for many. Finally, this legislation include some triggers that could actually end benefits for the entire Medicaid expansion population."

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 5:22:42 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

"The potential loss of healthcare coverage due to a person's inability to meet "work requirements" would cause great harm to individuals, families, and our communities."

From: [REDACTED]
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On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" I know that supports for meeting work requirements related to other programs are not accessible to all who need them, especially adequate child care and that computer systems set up to track compliance with work requirements are expensive and often fail even though they are very expensive as they are built upon a software infrastructure that is unsound. Also, the lack of any requirements of employers for any workers in MI related to flexibility around managing health issues and the on-demand scheduling that leaves people vulnerable is especially problematic for low-wage workers who qualify for Healthy Michigan, especially if they have children who require safe care. It is not within the workers' power to ensure they can get the hours they need or that they can do what they need to do to remain healthy. That is already the case, adding work requirements only tightens the screws on people who are already struggling. Finally, the lack of investment in MDHHS to ensure adequate staffing to support compliance is a slap in the face to all the workers who will be saddled with trying to make this untenable system work and even more so to all the families whose health and wellbeing depend on access to care and whose pathway to self-sufficiency depends on reliable work supports. This is a completely irrational and immoral policy for Michigan to pursue."

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 9:41:42 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" My son benefited from the Healthy Michigan expansion. Without this he would not have been able to go back to school."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 9:42:48 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" As a nurse I know these changes would be disastrous to the patients served at my hospital and the hospital's finances."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 9:43:44 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" As a worker in healthcare, I regularly see patients who are able to receive care they otherwise would not have without Medicaid. This helps their family remain healthy."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 9:44:37 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" The requirement would put undue burdens on already vulnerable populations. How would they get transportation, child care, and job training? The requirement would be on them but, without assistance to address the barriers to employment, their success in getting a job could be out of their control.."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 9:52:57 PM

On behalf of a Michigan resident...

" It would lead to lack of good, basic healthcare for the disadvantaged community members."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: The Healthy MI work requirement
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:35:45 PM

To whom it may concern,

I would as a contracted provider for MDOC contract for people with special needs returning to the community from prison and I have been working in the program since 2006 prior to Healthy MI and Medicaid expansion. Prior to Healthy MI and the Medicaid expansion our program was paying (State of MI - full MDOC dollars) were paying for all of individuals medication, mental health and medical services because people returning to the community from prison do not have income and they were not eligible for Medicaid. If some is mentally ill or mentally fragile it still takes at a min 5-6 months for federal benefits to be approved if they are approved and many times a year or more. In the meantime, the State is paying the full costs of services. Medicaid expansion allowed the federal government to take on some of those costs. It was a win for the recipients and the states. Some of our clients may not meet criteria for federal disability benefits but also have a hard time sustaining any kind of gainful employment.

The work requirement causes more stress on the DHHS workers and the recipients. (Finding a job for someone who has mental health and medical disabilities as well as felonies is extremely difficult) and going without Medicaid only leaves them open to stopping medications and treatment which can lead to less healthy individual and likely increased crime that is often related to individuals not caring for their medical and mental health needs. Please consider these factors in policy making.

The commercial market has a extreme hole in it at this time where our health insurance is tied to our employment. People can have bouts of being uninsured because of this and this leaves the state, hospital and medical providers at risk as well as the patients. To move forward with this will cause the same issues with state Medicaid recipients benefits being tied to employemtn with bouts of people being uninsured depending on with abilities to follow the policy requirements to DHHS in timely matters, how much money people are making, low income jobs where health insurance is now offered and opening more and more cracks in the insurance system.

Please consider these concerns in policy making. Thanks, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Michigan Medicaid work rules
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 4:55:48 PM

Dumb idea. It would be impossible to manage efficiently. We dont need another program that costs more to manage in man hours, policy changes and even lawsuits. We need 100% of our people to have real medical coverage. I have an employee who needs cataract surgery. His sight is limited in both eyes. He needs abput 2 grand per eye for surgery..he doesnt have it. He may go blind because he cant see. I f that happens we lose another tax payer..we lose an employee..we lose all the way around.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Requiring 80 hrs of work or schooling
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 5:32:58 PM

I just hope each individual and their situation will be looked at by the department
My son has been on Medicaid for almost a year but did not actively use until January. He suffers from mental health issues and has not been able to keep a job due to his condition. He has been working with health care professionals and takes medication which is covered under the Medicaid plan.
Therefore I'm asking that he will be assessed individually and not lumped into the whole.
Thank you for listening

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment.
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 8:08:30 PM

I speak against Medicaid work requirements. This extra layer of bureaucracy will cost the state more money and will certainly not do anything to help the people of Michigan who need Medicaid. Please stop making it difficult for people in this state to get the support they need. It's mean spirited and unnecessary. Thank you. [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 10:07:14 PM

Hello,

I live with my three children and their father (My SO). He does not work so he can supervise their online school day (kind of like home school). One of the children especially benefits from doing school at home because of learning and attention problems. My SO has had sever asthma since childhood and relies heavily on three asthma medications. I cannot afford to purchase healthcare through my employer for him, and with out Medicaid we will not be able to pay for his medications OR the Dr visits in between medication refills. It would make me sad if we had to send my children to school, and I fear the difficulties my son would have (with his education and his self esteem) would impact his future as a functioning adult.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: comment on Medicaid work requirement
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 8:33:39 AM

I have been a medical social worker for over 30 years. I worked for 25 years in a community hospital, and for the last 8 years in an outpatient oncology setting. Putting a work requirement on the healthy Michigan program will surely cost lives. I would like to provide 2 examples, but have many more. When I worked in the hospital, I was summoned to the emergency room many times.

On one occasion, there was a 50 year old man who was deceased from an apparent heart attack. In talking with the grieving family, they told me that he had been having chest pains for weeks, but did not seek treatment because he was uninsured. On another occasion, a 55 year old woman was brought into emergency as her gall bladder had burst. She subsequently died from sepsis. Again, she was not able to access primary care as she was uninsured, and had been having symptoms for weeks. These occurred before the healthy Michigan program was available, and demonstrate how the healthy Michigan program could have saved these lives, and I have many examples of how it is saving lives in its current form.

In my current work in oncology, treatment is time sensitive, and delaying care causes cancer to spread and can cost lives and affect the ability to treat and cure illness. Most of the time, my patients and I can not even get the Department of Human Services workers to answer the phone as they are so understaffed and overworked. Adding another layer of requirements on workers will surely add an unneeded burden on them, and on our most impoverished citizens. This policy is unthinkable to me, and surely seems to be motivated by the opinions of persons who do not encounter the people who are in my office every day.

I implore you not to add this work requirement. Which of my cancer patients will be exempt? Which will not be? What if someone is exempt but the paperwork is not read by a caseworker in time? I know what will happen, more restriction to access care, and more dire results. Please listen to those of us on the front line here and not to politicians who are trying to score points with their electorate. When patients get their Medicaid cut off, they stop coming for care, they can't fill their scripts. The effects are real and immediate.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 8:47:06 AM

What a terrible idea. And how underhanded to say it's about getting more workers to fill the needs of employers. This ill conceived idea is about the budget and saving money. How about doing it on the backs of rich white people instead of sick minorities? The people I know getting Medicaid need it and certainly couldn't do 20 hours of work a week. Is this plan paying for child care and transportation? Of course not. This is a despicable proposal.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Medicaid Work Requirements
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 9:58:59 AM

As a social worker I have seen the individuals who have struggled to keep themselves and their family healthy. Putting into place a job, school or volunteer component is not helpful because many of these people would do this if they could. I have met people who had to choose between a job that could provide experience and income but kicks them off of assistance, assistance they still need because of the low wages. I have many people who do volunteer their time to a number of organizations because they cannot work due to mental health and/or physical challenges. Many of the people I have met work on social changes, is that the type of volunteerism that would be accepted? Who would decide what was accepted and what and who decides on the criteria for ability to work?

The work requirements puts a perception out there that people who receive Medicaid are lazy and frauds and therefor must be forced into becoming a productive citizen. This is not true, some end up with Medicaid because of a long period of illness and many stabilize and can move forward but it can take years to rebuild your life and you may still need treatment or have period of time when symptoms of the illness are such that you need time off from work, which some employers may not be able to accommodate.

I am opposed to the work requirements.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 10:30:32 AM

Dear Healthy Michigan Plan authors:

You have requested public comments.

After reviewing the material concerning the Medicaid extension, I suggest adding a category in the medically fragile section to cover those who have applied and have been denied Social Security or SSI disability benefits with a vocational decision limiting them from any type of physical or mental demands of work.

Though not meeting the severity of preventing all work, this designation is an administrative medical-vocational decision on record that is a clear indicator of medical fragility.

File sharing between SSA and the DDS can confirm this designation through decision codes such as H1, J1, N31 and N32 among others. Accepting these code verifications would eliminate the need for or streamline the applicant's self declaration process.

If you should need clarification or additional discussion, please contact me any time.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 10:39:37 AM

I do not support changing the rules to demand that Medicaid recipients work. At best demanding that recipients of Medicaid work is solving a non-existent problem, at worst it will deprive needy people of help they need. Worse, it will likely drive the cost of healthcare up in the state.

As a former psychologist I can say that there are a great many people who are undiagnosed and untreated with many illnesses, from PTSD and schizophrenia to depression that make them unable to find and keep employment. Without Medicaid their healthcare needs will again be met at the emergency rooms, at the highest possible cost to the state and the community.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: D.E.A.A.
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 11:12:57 AM

To Whom It concerns:

Having only just read about this an hour and 1 minute before deadline closure I am pretty upset, as this was already submitted to the current Governor of Michigan for his rubber stamped approval.

Which it received. Back in June! So here we are!! When people are beholden you don't need to also debase them. I am against forcing those in need of help this disrespect of 'work until you drop' thinking!!!

People don't want to be dependent on the state for ANYTHING, this is a fact and they aren't here by choice! People who qualify for assistance in any form are here for a damned good reason but still require respect – especially from those voted into office. The reason for the poor turnout in "Comments" is due to the lack of knowledge of what is going on. A "Big Brother" doesn't care situation, again!

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Work requirements for medicaid
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 11:41:34 AM

Greetings,

Requiring labor to receive medical care is a regressive policy straight out of the 19th century, a plantation era mindset, Work or Die.

We provide healthcare for inmates. Why can't we provide the same for someone struggling to find a good job? It's a perverse sign of the times that in order to get healthcare an unemployed person has to commit a crime.

The number of aging Michiganders is growing exponentially and many were profoundly affected by the 2008 recession. That demographic is more likely to need medical treatment and more likely to experience hiring discrimination. This demographic will be affected the most.

Regardless of medicaid expansion, tying work to employment is a bad idea. For small companies providing health care is a significant burden. For large companies it gives the employer way too much power. It's also too many chefs in the kitchen. It's hard enough for the average citizen to navigate the red tape of medical care. Getting employers out of the mix eliminates at least one middle man. Even with the best employers the cost of medical care is unpredictable and inadequate.

The 3 largest government sponsored healthcare agencies are medicare, Veterans affairs and medicaid. Phasing in medicare for the entire population, gradually lowering the eligible age is the best way to start providing health care at a reasonable cost that all Americans deserve.

Thanks for soliciting input on this critical matter.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 11:51:26 AM

Dear Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan must provide Medicaid to individuals and families in need, without prejudice, to ensure that we have a healthy population. The proposed changes to add work restrictions are reprehensible, as they will harm those who most need the benefits. Cancelling coverage altogether if recipients do not work for 3 months in a calendar year would create perverse incentives - for example, for individuals to not fill temporary assignments (for fear of not finding another short-term position) or to not take time off of work when sick or to care for family members. Increasing co-pays to 5% of income for those at or just above the poverty threshold is an unfair financial burden and harms those who need government assistance. Provisions that would trigger an end the Healthy Michigan program would cause tremendous harm to Michigan's citizens and the general health of our population. Please overturn this bill in its entirety and, instead, uphold our Healthy Michigan program as a robust government service that provides healthcare coverage to Michiganders in need.

Thank you for taking public comments on proposed changes to Michigan's Medicaid program.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Work requirements
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 11:51:45 AM

There is often a good reason why come people on Medicaid are not employed. Many who have not been approved for Social Security Insurance for disability are fragile in ways that make them unreliable employees. Migraine headaches, arthritis, a needy child or parent or similar conditions cause frequent absences that are disruptive in many business environments. Others never make it past the screening process because of a criminal record or marginal literacy, or because conditions like anxiety or autism make interviewers uneasy.

It is easy to think that the non-profit world will benefit from the unpaid work these people will be forced to provide to receive Medicaid benefits. The reality is that many of the conditions that limit them as employees also limit them as volunteers.

An example is a wonderful woman who volunteered for a couple of years with me We loved having her around but could never really count on her to cover a shift at the office. She would frequently have to cancel because of health problems and appointments to address them, and to get and maintain the few benefits she and her children received. Then she had to move and the new location was two long bus rides away. If the first bus was late and she missed the connection, she'd be an hour late. That happened often in the winter.

She faces the same challenges getting to her appointments, food banks, stores and so on, making survival pretty close to a full-time job. Adding a 20 hour per week volunteering requirement will likely push her to the necessity of getting on disability.

On the other hand, if she was paid a decent wage for working even 30 hours, she could probably move closer to the bus station and dispense with scouring the food banks for diabetes-friendly foods for her family. She might well then even get a full-time, flexible-hour job in the private sector, especially if she could then afford internet access from her house.

So many of the jobs which don't require a reliable physical presence – blogging, telemarketing, computer programming – all need reliable connectivity. If the state is serious about getting those who could work back into the workforce, they need to provide a realistic bridge to getting there.

A large contribution could be made by developing job-sharing techniques for local and state government office work that could then be adapted to the private sector. For instance, a pool of people could be employed to answer phones, prepare newsletters and file. With several scheduled at a time, at least one would usually be there to cover time-sensitive tasks like answering phones, though a traditional employee would have to be prepared to step in on those occasions where none of the Medicaid-pool workers made it. Landscaping is another field that could work, as is sorting recyclables.

People who show up and work hard deserve to be paid enough to be free from dependency and its morass of regulations. It may well take two or more years for people to build the resources they need to move to conventional employment.

Some never will make that jump. They might survive in a wilderness setting but have personality disorders that prevent them from getting along with others, a basic requirement for any kind of commerce. These are probably also the people who social workers find most unpleasant to deal with, and for whom the general public most resents providing benefits. Consider, though, that these people would change if they could. But they can't, so someone is going to have to be paid to find them solitary tasks and supervise them. If the state wants non-profits to assume this burden, the state

should at least provide monetary support to make this feasible.

Most of the people I know who qualify for welfare benefits find them distasteful, at best. Beyond the stigma, an intrusive government presence becomes part of the recipients' life and the effort to secure them is hardly worth the increasingly stingy return. Many simply do not accept them.

The financial beneficiaries of the Medicaid expansion are those who pay for insurance or medical care. Impoverished people get care at hospital emergency rooms, whether they can pay for it or not. The cost of unpaid visits are added to the fees charged to those who do pay. Emergency room visits are expensive, especially when a condition has escalated.

Since the expansion, hospital social workers have been enrolling all patients who can't pay their bills onto Medicaid and instructing them on how to get preventive primary care services. This is now starting to change the way people who have grown up in poverty understand health care.

It is unfortunate that this behavior-changing policy wasn't given a chance to take hold before additional demands were added. But since the state added the requirement to work or volunteer, it is incumbent on that same body to make it practical for all people to reap the rewards of working.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Work Requirements
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 11:57:12 AM

Please explain how this is effective without spending millions more on implementation and what does the doctors do? This is STUPID plain and simple. I also wonder if this is more of the Republicans Party racism? Without racism Republicans go away.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 12:04:09 PM

Dear Michigan Department of Health and Human Services,

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Thank you for taking public comments on proposed changes to Michigan's Medicaid program.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 12:05:27 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 12:06:04 PM

Hello -

I would like to add my comments to those of my fellow Michiganders regarding the new work requirements for Medicaid.

I would like bring some attention to health issues that aren't visible and remind those making decisions as to what constitutes "medically frail" to remember those who have these.

Those with chronic pain diseases have good days and bad days. A string of bad days could drop them below 20 hours. They aren't gaming the system - they can predict when the pain will ease most days.

I would also like to ask decision makers to consider those with mental health issues. From my experience working in a public library, those with access to quality mental health care are those with insurance via their employer, and therefore are not on Medicaid. This becomes an additional stressor for those who can't afford the care they need.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my input.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 12:06:39 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 12:50:26 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 12:53:53 PM

Working is not always possible for people who receive benefits. Isn't that the point of safety net benefits? To help those unable to work, so they aren't poor beggar homeless on the street ready to pick pocket in order to survive?

I have a friend that suffers from fibromyalgia, she never knows what days of the month she will be unable to get out of bed because of the pain. She relies on Medicaid for the meager medical benefits she receives. She has suffered through many months of pain caused by kidney stones because no one will perform lithotripsy on her with Medicaid.

Please vote down this proposal!

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment"
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 1:05:16 PM

This legislation will hurt those who are most vulnerable and should not be adopted.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 1:06:52 PM

To whom it may concern,

Please do not add a work requirement. This will radically increase inefficient utilization of the ER for issues that could otherwise be treated less expensively in a regular office visit.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment: Comments
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 1:14:25 PM

I wish to comment on the Medicaid work requirements rules currently being drafted as a consequence of recently enacted Michigan legislation.

Requirements for demonstration that work requirements are met should not be overly burdensome on Medicaid recipients. SIMPLE mechanisms MUST be available for recipients to demonstrate continuing eligibility by submitting documentation by mail, electronically and/or in person.

Reasonable requirements for demonstrating eligibility exclusions, such as for disability or caregiving, must be available. For instance:

> Tying the disability exclusion to federal requirement for social security disability will create an unreasonable obstacle: for instance, my brother, suffering from multiple symptoms as a result of Type II diabetes and an inability to walk up more than a few steps at a time, needed to apply for disability twice before acceptance; a good friend suffering from mental illness had to apply three times; in both of these cases, many months were needed for eligibility to be granted. Instead, documented concurrence from a licensed physician should be sufficient to demonstrate disability.

> Having personally provided caregiving for elder parents, I feel it will be unreasonable to expect persons in similar situations to have to go to great lengths to prove their unavailability to work the required number of hours. There are many different circumstances that could contribute to a person's unavailability to have a job outside the home and rules must be flexible to accommodate them. Caregivers may already be under considerable emotional distress and challenging requirements for them to meet will only add to stress.

There should be reasonable provisions allowing continued eligibility for persons who demonstrate honest but unsuccessful efforts to find employment in their community.

I feel strongly that volunteer jobs should be sufficient for demonstrating eligibility. Volunteer jobs also provide additional benefits to local communities and should be strongly encouraged, especially given that paying jobs may be difficult to find for some individuals, or in challenging economic times when fewer paying jobs may be available than at present.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 1:19:03 PM

I'm a young partially disabled single mother raising a disabled son, we both have Marfan Syndrome. Marfan Syndrome is a rare genetic mutation that only 200,000 people/year have. This means it's woefully under-researched & understood.

I've worked many jobs in my adult life trying to provide for my family, saving to go to school. Because of my condition, repetitive motion at manual labor jobs (such as farmhand, janitor, prep cook) causes irreparable damage to my body. I have permanent injuries to my arms & back.

Due to the rarity of my condition it isn't listed as a disability in the DSM. Only when my heart ruptures & I almost die will it be considered such.

Living in fear of dying very painfully every single day has taken a huge toll on me. I'm in the hospital twice a year for chest pains (most of which are just dislocated ribs). It must be easy to sign bills like this when you aren't worried about your heart dissecting, but you **MUST** know: **THIS BILL WILL KILL PEOPLE.**

Are you ready for death? I'm not.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Healthy Michigan Plan
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 1:26:06 PM

Hello,

I am extremely concerned regarding the proposed changes to the eligibility changes for Medicaid.

I volunteer running a client choice food pantry in [REDACTED]. I see over a thousand clients a year. Many of them get Medicaid. Many of those are working poor. Requiring them to work MORE to qualify for Medicaid is outrageous. Many others I see are unable to work - disabled or chronically sick children or other family members prevent them. Cutting them off from coverage is heartless.

please eliminate these proposed changes.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Healthy Michigan Medicaid - work requirement public comment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 3:50:30 PM

The philosophy that underlies the change to the work requirement rules for Medicaid is based on assumptions. I challenge those making those assumptions to provide data that supports their beliefs. The first assumption is that people who receive the Healthy Michigan Medicaid are freeloaders who are intentionally avoiding work in order to receive this benefit. The second assumption is that there is enough work available that would allow the current recipients to receive or afford the purchase of health insurance. The third assumption is that taking this benefit away will somehow motivate people to go to work. A fourth assumption is that there will be work or meaningful activity available for all people effected by this change. A fifth assumption is that this change to the law will save the state money. I believe it will be impossible to prove any of these assumptions based on any data driven assessment.

I have been a social worker in Michigan for 30 years. My own experience with the Healthy Michigan Medicaid is that it provided a great benefit to the community and the individuals receiving that entitlement. The people I work with function on that border of able and disabled, often due to mental illness. HMM allowed them the resources to stay on their medications and treatments which enhanced their ability to function at work, as parents, as responsible members of the community. It provided a level of support that helped keep them from total disability. Taking that entitlement away will lead to lapses in medication coverage and treatment. It will lead to loss of functioning and do harm to peoples' ability to work, care for their children and act responsibly in their community. These losses have costs to the individuals effected and the communities where they live. I submit that these costs will be great both financially and by humanitarian standards.

Healthy Michigan Medicaid has been a benefit to the State of Michigan. These mean spirited rule changes are a poorly thought out political ploy. They threaten to cause real harm on an individual, community and state level. If these rules are to be carried out, I request that they be enforced at the lowest possible level and allow those who benefit from receiving Medicaid to continue to receive this support.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: NANCY HARMON
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#); [NANCY HARMON](#)
Subject: Public Comment Medicaid Work requirement
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 4:12:14 PM

As the Dental Director for a free dental and medical clinic in Detroit for over 5 years and as the previous coordinator of a school based dental program which included more than 40 schools, I am seeing the result of the failure of Detroit policy makers to have planned for the future.

Whoever thought it was right to defund schools and trades thereby undermining our children's futures?

Whoever thought you could expect someone to do better when the options /opportunities were closed?

Whoever thought we could have good health for anyone without healthcare for adults?

Whoever thought we could have a good work force without health care for everyone?

Most of the patients I see are not able to work due to illness, injury or mental health issues. I HAVE STORIES AND PHOTOS.

The wonderful patients I see have not had access to health care long enough to gain a level of health to work.

I have seen great gains with some of our patients regarding health and their ability to recover for years of neglect.

But I do not feel we are ready for a work requirement.

Most sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 4:21:01 PM

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Additionally, implementing this new system will cost a substantial amount of extra money, money needed to train people, educate people and administer the new guidelines equitably. This money would be better spent on actually providing the services people need to support their employment.

The new guidelines seem punitive and ignorant of the realities facing millions of poor Michiganders every day. Instead of punishing people for being poor, instead of assuming worst intentions, we should be helping people to be as productive as they really want to be, as they can be, and as they would be with adequate and humane support.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 4:26:24 PM

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Commentary by Deadline
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 5:00:04 PM

Good afternoon

I'd like my voice to be heard on this issue. Requiring these sorts of work and activity stipulations are ableist and short sighted. I am proud of Michigan overall but this would be another stain on us. This measure focuses more on a wallet than someone's health. Please do not pass this.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 5:11:41 PM

Attention: Medicaid Policy

Attaching work to healthcare has always been a mistake and doing so for those who already struggle is an even bigger one. The times we most need care are the times we are least able to work. Obvious, diagnosed, disability is not the only time this is true. Having a family business means I see daily that we need to fill more jobs, but this is not an efficient way of doing that. And to assume most readily available jobs, to new, untrained workers, would either pay enough to cover medical care or pay low enough to keep them on government care is negligent. Most people are already doing all they can to get by. So while I do agree that helping match people to available work, better work, work fitting to their individual life and situation as well as the needs of Michigan business is honorable this in no way addresses that and muddles workforce and healthcare policy. I must strongly oppose the amendment to Medicaid work rules.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Please don't add work requirements to Medicaid
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 6:47:42 PM

This is adds an unnecessary burden of paperwork and bureaucracy to the people currently on Medicaid and extra costs to State government. Even if the ideal is to have everyone working, I believe that cutting of health insurance to those that are not is a poor use of government regulation. Especially with the opiod epidemic in full swing and the cost of auto insurance being so effected by health costs, we need to be increasing the number of people with health insurance, not decreasing it.

Thank you for your consideration,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 7:11:19 PM

As a healthcare professional who works with Medicaid recipients, I think that it is a terrible idea to require Medicaid recipients to work in order to continue receiving benefits.

My main objection to the plan is that the requirement is on the individual Medicaid recipient, but success is largely out of his or her control. How would individuals overcome barriers such as transportation, child care, job training, or job shortages? Without direct assistance in those areas, the plan would set up individuals to fail.

Without financial or logistical assistance, a minimum wage job that they could get would not cover transportation and child care. They would be financially worse off as a result.

This measure does not support vulnerable populations. Medicaid was not intended to be a workforce training program.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 7:14:22 PM

Dear MDEQ,

I am highly against the waiver that would require work or training from Medicaid recipients because it will only further hurt the most vulnerable in our communities. Those who receive Medicaid and are able to work already do so--it is a farce to think otherwise. My father has been on Medicaid for several years now, and badly wishes he could work, though his health prevents him from doing so. He can in no way handle the proposed requirements, and I fear for his wellbeing.

Moreover, Medicaid work requirements shift costs in unacceptable and inefficient ways. Medicaid work requirements which exclude people from public insurance shift costs to other ledgers: households bear costs in basic well-being and stress, non-profits and for-profits absorb the costs of untreated disease, some of the insured may pay more, and hospitals face additional uncompensated care costs.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 7:35:10 PM

Dear State of Michigan,

RE: The proposed work requirements for recipients of Medicaid is terrible legislation.

While in grad school and the University of Michigan School of Public Health, we studied how these programs do not “inspire Medicaid recipients to work,” instead, it ends up costing the state more money. You would think the State of Michigan would have seen the light after the recent initiative to drug test all those Michiganders who were eligible to receive welfare. It was ended after it spent hundreds of thousands of tax payer dollars with out finding any significant amount of welfare recipients testing positive for drugs!

This law is not intended to help any Michiganders get jobs; it is a way to score political points to the right wing donors (many of whom don't even live in Michigan). The fact is, most Medicaid recipients are already working; many are working full time but still are getting paid so little, they still qualify for benefits. Why don't you work on changing that? Have any of you tried to buy health insurance making \$8 an hour? Instead, Michigan's leaders give out plenty of benefits, in the shape of tax incentives to huge corporations with out ever making sure they bring the jobs they promise or stay in the state once the incentive period is over. No CEO's need to take drug tests or prove they work a certain amount of hours a week in order to receive millions of dollars in tax write offs. Yet, the people who actually vote for you are the ones suffering.

Also, you sign this horrible legislation into law with out figuring out how you will measure the exceptions (i.e. those who are too "medically frail" to work). All you care about is how this looks politically for the Republican led state legislature and governor's office. You'd rather turn eligible Medicaid recipients away which will push them to stay away from low cost preventative care and turn to hospital emergency rooms when their manageable ailments turn critical and life threatening. This makes everyone's private and public insurance costs go up. If you really wanted to save money, you'd expand Medicaid to more people.

Have you figured out how you'd administrate these requirements? Who will be keeping tabs on these recipients? If you think MDHHS benefit specialists can just add this on to all the other responsibilities, you haven't had to wait to talk to someone on your eligibility or get a question answered (may take weeks of leaving messages with out anyone getting back in touch with you). Those DHS specialists don't even answer their phones and only call back those they “deem worthy” as it is, are you planning on adding hundreds more MDHHS employees? How much will this new hurtle cost the state? How much will the state “save” if everything works as planned (of course, this assumes you have planned this much out).

Lastly, if you really wanted to save the State of Michigan tax payers, let the Medicaid expansion continue to save the state money. The federal government picks up most of the bill and it is one shining part of government that was actually working for the good of Michiganders.

Please, do not implement the work requirement for Medicaid.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area, obscuring the name and any handwritten notes.

From: Greg Hofman
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 8:01:48 PM

Bureau of Medicaid Policy and Health System Innovation Staff,

On behalf of the Lakeshore Regional Entity (Region 3 PIHP), we would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the Demonstration Extension Application Amendment. The effort to clarify the amendment, particularly as it relates to those at 100% below, or at 100-133% the federal poverty level (FPL), was very helpful in understanding the scope of the document. We support the objectives of self-sufficiency and independence for our consumers who are eligible for Healthy Michigan benefits. Encouraging persons to develop healthy lifestyle choices is a goal we all support for individuals who receive our services.

In addition to reviewing this at the LRE staff level, we had opportunity to spend some time with our Consumer Advisory Committee. The comments we provide below are inclusive of the feedback we received from that committee.

1. It appears to us that the administrative effort required to oversee these work requirements is potentially intensive. Our consumer population will need support to navigate this system, and we worry about individuals dropping off of HM. It is not necessarily a resistance to participation, but lack of knowledge on how to meet all system requirements. The LRE recommends that you review your process and resources to assure that this level of support and interaction is available for consumers.
2. Attachment L addresses Medically Frail Identification Process, and includes a list of medical and behavioral diagnosis that would define the status of medically frail. This level of specificity is lauded, but we are recommending an additional review by your clinical leaders. During our meeting with our Consumer Advisory Committee, input was received that additional diagnosis can also greatly effect the ability to work at the level required in the standards. Examples included major depression, PTSD, and anxiety disorders. I'm sure there are other significant behavioral health diagnosis which impact the ability to work.
3. Our Consumer Advisory Committee also expressed that consumers desire to work, but find one of the biggest barriers to be adequate training. There are some structured programs through the community mental health system, but the LRE recommends that access to additional training resources be considered as a part of you review of the amendment. Encouraging work without providing the proper support may result in outcomes that do not support objectives as stated in this Amendment.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input. If you would desire additional dialogue on this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment"
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 8:02:28 PM

Please reconsider the proposed work requirement for Medicaid recipients. One issue that is a glaring problem everywhere, and certainly in Michigan, is that of untreated mental health. This requirement will aggravate the problem of untreated mental illnesses, since it will be very difficult to prove that a person is not capable of holding down even a part time job. I know of one young person who suffers from severe depression and is able to work only sporadically. This person has survived one (very nearly successful) suicide attempt, and there is no indication it won't happen again. Medicare is this person's only option for health care; the options under the Affordable Care Act are too expensive. I am concerned about what will happen if this individual's Medicaid is reduced or eliminated.

There are many others in the same boat. It is cruel and —if you want to reduce the human element and just talk in terms of money—short sighted and eventually more expensive—to cut off even limited health care to those who are struggling with poverty as well as physical and mental illnesses.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Work requirement--public comment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 8:39:30 PM

Healthy Michigan has been a success in getting care to people who couldn't afford insurance. It has been saving the state's medical systems from having to absorb the costs of later treatment and of emergency care, so that those costs don't get passed on to others. The work requirement will likely drive up those costs by making it much more difficult to stay insured, as well as costing massive amounts of money to process the complicated requirements.

Governor Snyder and Michigan lawmakers did the state a service in expanding Medicaid. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 8:52:48 PM

Hello,

I am writing to express my significant displeasure and extreme concern about the proposed Healthy Michigan work requirements. This is inhumane, unjust, and unnecessary; there is no justification for this law. It will take away healthcare from the most vulnerable among us for no reason. There is enough of a stigma around Medicaid and other means-tested programs as it is. Please do not allow this to plan to be enacted.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Michigan's Medicaid Work rules
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 8:59:56 PM

Dear Michigan Department of Human Services, thank you for accepting public comments on the new proposed Michigan's Medicaid work rules. I believe that most able-bodied people do work, if they can find a job, which will support their families. People that live in Michigan are struggling to find jobs that will support their families, provide appropriate and affordable health insurance and for some, paying for daycare. I have a bachelor degree and a long work history, but have also faced the challenges of how difficult it is to find a job in Michigan. I do not have health insurance currently. My current employer does not offer health insurance and I cannot afford to purchase it on the marketplace. I am fortunate that my children are grown, but they still face the challenges to provide health insurance for my grandchildren. With this being said, I believe that these new requirements will have a devastating impact for poor income families, disabled individuals, children, individuals that cannot get a job, and worsen Michigan's economy and health care system. Transportation and daycare alone, will be a huge hurdle for individuals to overcome, just to get a new job. In my current position, I work with the Michigan Re-entry program for offenders with special needs. This will directly impact them as well. Many of these individuals are disabled and cannot secure employment, due to their criminal backgrounds. These new rules will most likely increase Michigan's recidivism, depleting the successful recidivism rates that Michigan is known for. I really hope that this can be stopped and redeveloped for something that will promote success and benefit all Michiganders.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 9:01:34 PM

Dear Michigan Department of Health and Human Services,

Michigan must provide Medicaid to individuals and families in need, without prejudice, to ensure that we have a healthy population. The proposed changes to add work restrictions are reprehensible, as they will harm those who most need the benefits. Cancelling coverage altogether if recipients do not work for 3 months in a calendar year would create perverse incentives - for example, for individuals to not fill temporary assignments (for fear of not finding another short-term position) or to not take time off of work when sick or to care for family members. Increasing co-pays to 5% of income for those at or just above the poverty threshold is an unfair financial burden and harms those who need government assistance. Provisions that would trigger an end the Healthy Michigan program would cause tremendous harm to Michigan's citizens and the general health of our population. Please overturn this bill in its entirety and, instead, uphold our Healthy Michigan program as a robust government service that provides healthcare coverage to Michiganders in need.

Thank you for taking public comments on proposed changes to Michigan's Medicaid program.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Healthy Michigan Medicaid - work requirement public comment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 9:06:19 PM

“Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution the time will come when medicine will organize itself into an undercover dictatorship. To restrict the art of healing to doctors and deny equal privileges to others will constitute the Bastille of medical science. All such laws are un-American and despotic.”

— Benjamin Rush

Medical freedom includes the ability to receive treatment and care no matter one’s financial situation. That Michigan would consider restricting health insurance benefits for its citizens when affordable and good care is very difficult to come by should be a matter of shame. A progressive movement toward health care as a basic human right is the paradigm in many countries—including Cuba.

Please consider this when reviewing the changes to Michigan’s management of Medicaid benefits as proposed by Governor Snyder.

Respectfully,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 10:26:30 PM

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to any work requirement for Michigan residents to be able to qualify for Medicaid.

Any such change is fundamentally punitive in nature. There are no studies to support that such a program will be cost-effective. To the contrary, it will push people off of Medicaid and return them -- and us -- to the state of making Emergency Departments the site of last-resort medical care.

It is a cruel mockery of the name "Healthy Michigan" to propose that implementing this plan will do anything but make more Michigan residents sicker, poorer, and more likely to die from otherwise treatable conditions.

I have private insurance myself through my employer and have no family members who would be harmed by such a change. But I still know that it's poor public policy and deserves to be abandoned before it goes any further.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 10:32:27 PM

This is absolutely critical (but I expect nobody will ever read any of this)!!

There's something that I have not heard anyone discuss regarding "work" requirements in order to receive healthcare: Small businesses are being devastated by soaring healthcare costs, and many small business owners, when their business experiences a downturn, can no longer afford healthcare. Rather than helping these small businesses afford healthcare, it seems the State thinks it's best to effectively destroy these businesses by taking healthcare options away from them, thus forcing the owners and employees to shutdown the business, and hope they can all find jobs quickly enough that they don't suffer serious health consequences without having insurance in place. **THIS IS A NET LOSS OF JOBS, PEOPLE!!**

The idea that our lawmakers are so incapable of thinking clearly and inventively about real solutions, and simply seem to want to punish people to the point of risking their lives and health is wasteful, immoral, inexcusable and shameful!

In general, it's starkly clear that work requirements for accessing healthcare will cause people to suffer long-term health issues that would otherwise have been easily preventable, and some will even die. This will end up costing Michigan tax payers more, than if we were to require that every single person in Michigan have access to the healthcare they need, regardless of their level of employment or income. Not taking care that every single Michigander has healthcare is cruel, immoral, and will cost our society in unimaginably bad ways.

For folks who are self-employed, or members of a small business, the sooner they don't have to worry about whether they suffer serious illness, or even die, because they have true guaranteed access to healthcare, the sooner they can completely focus on keeping their business on track, finish developing new products and services, and growing -- leading to yet more employment opportunities for Michiganders. Without access to healthcare, however, some of them must decide between their business and employees, or healthcare. This a needlessly disastrous choice to have to make, and one which apparently our lawmakers completely failed to consider, or even worse, completely disregard.

There are far more intelligent and effective ways to assist folks in maintaining their business, or assist others in becoming independent, than threatening them with possible ill-health, financial ruin due to healthcare debt, or death. Not only is holding accessible healthcare hostage to employment requirements going to cause great harm to many individuals, but at the same time, legislators are ignoring many proven, highly effective ways to help train and assist people in gaining independence – without the falsely perceived necessity of cruelly

threatening them with potentially devastating health consequences.

These horribly disastrous policies will cause small businesses and sole proprietorships to fail, and more people to lose their jobs. Many people will be harmed. And again, Michiganders will pay for this in many ways more important than just money.

Just one true example: A small business owner and design engineer, who in the past 20 years has formed 5 companies -- all self-funded with some modest partner investments, and with an employment record of over 100 people – and who has never taken even a dime from the government, hits a point where new products and services have to be developed in order to take advantage of new opportunities with current and potential customers. And to make things more challenging, has recently had to end a major contract with a partner who was found to be disreputable.

This person has the knowledge and skills to design high-tech products, including smart LED lighting, wireless sensor networks, assistive technology to aid persons with disabilities, firmware, software, CAD design, 3D printing and much more, and has taken a number of products from conception to market. The company is actually a spin-off from Wayne State University. This person works at least 14 hours every day in their own high-tech lab that they built and paid for over many years with their own money. This person has chosen to create technology to help people over having a family, vacations, nice cars, or a fancy house. Not that any of that should matter.

Unfortunately, healthcare costs have now risen to the point where, after paying for private healthcare insurance for 20 years (and never even utilizing a dime of services due to fear of possible pre-existing conditions), this person can no longer afford it until the next set of products/services are ready and rolled out – requiring about a year or two of investing yet more retirement savings and putting in continued long hard hours. Possibly tragically, to pull this off, private healthcare insurance has to be dropped, because it is close to \$1000/month through Blue Care Network. \$12000 in a year is a HUGE amount of money for a self-investing social entrepreneur to afford, in addition to all of the development costs, and in this case is simply too much.

So, this person can either give up the business, which has an extremely high probability of long-term success, or get a job, and accept that the projected 50 to 100 jobs that would likely have been created (again, there is a proven track record at creating jobs in the past), will simply never happen. Former employees will have to look elsewhere for employment. And, all of the training programs that would have been implemented, leading to yet more people gaining employment, will never happen, either. And the myriad of people who could have benefited from the assistive technology developments will never receive the unique technology that could have helped them to be more productive and independent themselves.

On the other hand, if this person sticks with finishing the development of the next phase of the business, this person must choose going without healthcare, at an age where it is really critical to have, and is one accident or illness away from complete financial devastation, ill-health, or death.

If it's not clear that Michigan's way of dealing with this sort of person -- to force them to destroy their business and all of the jobs/training/opportunities it would have created, just to get access to healthcare for a limited period of time, is a bad thing for everyone involved, then clearly Michigan is not the right place to do business anymore, and does not deserve entrepreneurs of this quality and dedication.

This is a terrible choice, thanks to Lansing: either risk one's life and health to continue to put forward training programs, products and services focused on improving the lives and opportunities of those with disabilities, or let that all fail, after 20 years and thousands of dollars of personal business re-investment.

You'd think that Michigan would be seeking out people like this, who have a rare, extremely extensive range of skills and experience in bringing unique products to market and training others to be able to do so as well. But actually the opposite is true. Michigan legislators are actively working against small businesses and sole proprietorships -- choosing instead to threaten some of them who may be struggling temporarily, with their very lives and health.

Though I'm sure I'll never receive any response whatsoever -- the design engineer has never received any help from Michigan for any of those projects in all these years anyway -- here's the bottom line: there are far better ways to get folks employed with meaningful careers than threatening their health, lives, and financial stability.

Shame on all of you who choose to risk harm to others by threatening their very health and life!

I sincerely hope and pray that none of the lawmakers who conceived of, and approved, this ignorantly cruel, short-sighted, unimaginative and ineffectual policy, will ever find themselves in dire need of healthcare they cannot afford, and have to experience the sheer terror and desperation of that situation. I wouldn't wish that on anyone. I now live with that fear every day. I also pray that these policies will be changed as soon as possible, before too many dear people suffer the horrible consequences. In the meantime, we're all going to pay much more in the long run -- both financially and morally!

Shame on you, Michigan!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 10:42:16 PM

I have volunteered for almost ten years doing office work in a community health clinic that serves low-income people. The Healthy Michigan plan has made care available to people who would otherwise not get it. Adding a work requirement into the system is cruel to people who don't have the resources to comply with complicated paperwork. Does the state have lots of funding to set up a system that can help them?

Adding the requirement adds a barrier to getting care--which will make our state less healthy. It is ill-advised policy.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
 To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
 Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
 Date: Monday, August 13, 2018 12:00:00 AM

My name is [REDACTED] and I'm a mom of 2 boys with autism in Grand Rapids, MI. I work part time, volunteer in both my boys' schools, member of 2 PTOs, manage 2 IEPs as well as therapeutic services for both, and beyond this I work hard to take of my home, and participate in community events for accessibility, environmental cleanups, and learning how to code. I do not have medicaid nor do my children, but affordable health care must be available for my fellow citizens, and if we ever need it, I hope Medicaid is there for me and my family too.

Every time I sit down to write to you about what a terrible idea medicaid work requirements are, I have had to stop as I become overwhelmed with all the thoughts swirling around in my head. But here goes.

Proven Success

Our expansion, Healthy Michigan has already proved to be highly successful in improving quality of life, health outcomes. It has provided an additional almost 700,000 people (<http://www.michiganradio.org/post/medicaid-work-requirements-could-affect-700000-people>) with physical and mental health services, and prescriptions.

Healthy Michigan Saves Money

Healthy people save our health system money because preventive care decreases the cost of reactive care by magnitudes. According to Detroit news: <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/19/michigan-senate-approves-medicaid-work-requirement/33986343/> "The Medicaid work requirements are projected to cost the state about \$20 million to \$30 million a year in administrative costs, according to the nonpartisan Senate Fiscal Agency, which said it is difficult to estimate how many individual enrollees the legislation could impact." So if the legislative analysis will only save \$7 - \$20 Million, and the nonpartisan Senate Fiscal Agency is projected \$20-\$30 Million in administrative costs, we are actively pursuing a net loss to provide less health care coverage and inflict harm on our most vulnerable populations.

According to a US News article (<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/michigan/articles/2018-06-22/snyder-signs-law-creating-medicaid-work-requirement>), supporters of this expansion say the requirements are necessary to keep the program afloat. However, when we realize the net loss of the program, it is clear their logic is fundamentally flawed.

Good Health Policy is a Pillar of a Well Functioning Society

My expectation of the political class is that you are working for the public good. This waiver does not support the public good. It increases the likelihood of significant medical debt, tuition costs, and stress upon our most vulnerable. As a citizen of Michigan, I want better than this waiver for my community members, friends and family. I want them to be healthy so they can be happy and productive and so my children can benefit from their continued presence in our lives. If a member of my community needs help, I want them to have it. Raise my taxes. Their well being is essential to my well being.

Impact on Children and Schools

Medicaid also supports our public schools by helping to pay for essential of children with special needs. These requirements take even more away from our already devastated public education system,

Nor should a child's right to be with their family be impinged when a parent loses benefits due to work requirement and then becomes unable to care for that child, support the child in school or simply not be able to tuck the child in at night because they are not healthy enough after losing their benefits.

Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Citizens

Medicaid allows disabled individuals to pay the staff that allows them to be productive, involved members of our community. Caregivers are already chronically underpaid and removing Medicaid dollars deprives them of even more hard-earned dollars as well as depriving a person in need of the care they so desperately need. The result would be that a person with disabilities is unable to pursue the education, work, or community opportunities without the support of the caregivers. The state community is immeasurably better when all of our citizens are enabled to share their voices, ideas, passions and skills.

Lack of health insurance will Kill people

This policy would be unequivocally harmful. One of the early consequences is delayed health services. Health care delayed is consequentially health care denied. Health care denied is a dead valued, vital citizen robbed of the opportunity to enrich our society. Please don't put my friends' blood on my hands.

"Every one of these reasons to deny you healthcare kills people," Paul Propson, CEO of Covenant Community Care in Detroit, a primary health care provider that sees 20,000 patients with Medicaid benefits or no insurance coverage each year, told me last month. "It might only kill 10 people or 50 people or 100 people, but when there are delays in accessing health care, there are victims." (<https://www.freep.com/story/opinion/columnists/nancy-kaffer/2018/05/01/medicaid-work-requirements-gop/569760002/>)

Buried Under Paperwork

This Waiver will allow people to apply for exemptions. But how many will have the ability and energy to navigate that on top of their daily challenges? Paperwork and the onerous burden of constantly proving eligibility will deter people from accessing needed services. How many of us actually enjoy putting together the documents needed to do our taxes or apply for a mortgage? Or delay it until the last minute? Now consider someone burdened with a disability, mental health issue, or a caregiver trying to keep up with the administrative requirements.... As a parent of 2 children with special needs, I can assure you, the continued task of evaluation, documentation, and communication is enough to be a job all on its own.

Policy of Systemic Racism and Cruelty

The New York Times pointed out a notable aspect of Michigan's plan in that the 1st iteration was blatantly racist in how the work requirements are enforced. Some of this has been corrected, but again. This is not the Michigan I want for my children and my community.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/08/opinion/michigan-medicaid-work-requirement.html>

The MetroTimes also describes the inequality perpetrated on poor black citizens in urban areas. <https://www.metrotimes.com/news-hits/archives/2018/05/09/michigans-medicaid-work-requirements-bill-could-have-racist-effects>

The Purpose of Medicaid

Medicaid exists to provide health care to the poor. Not jobs, not education, not wifi, just

health care. In Michigan, again, this has worked very well.
In a ruling on the work requirement of Kentucky's expansion,

'U.S. District Judge James Boasberg called the Trump administration's approval of the program, Kentucky HEALTH, "arbitrary and capricious."

He writes that in approving Kentucky's work requirement proposal, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar "never adequately considered whether Kentucky HEALTH would in fact help the state furnish medical assistance to its citizens, a central objective of Medicaid.

Instead, he wrote, HHS failed to consider whether the work requirements would do anything to further the program's core mission, which is to provide medical care to the poor.'

It is inconsistent with mission of health policy that health access is to be mandated by job policy. Adding work and education requirements are simply don't align with that goal. Health policy is not jobs policy or education policy. To put it bluntly, we are weaponizing health policy to hurt people who need it most.

Please do not implement these harmful, cruel, and ignorant requirements. Everyone deserves health care.

Thank for reading,



From: [MSAPolicy](#)
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: FW: Work Requirement for Medicaid Proposal
Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 12:05:59 PM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 3:23 PM
To: MSAPolicy <MSAPolicy@michigan.gov>
Subject: Work Requirement for Medicaid Proposal

My 54 year old brother has inoperable pancreatic cancer, COPD, and Congestive heart failure. He also receives Medicaid insurance. He gets enough hassle from DSS and the Medical Healthcare system to get adequate care as it is, but I can see him now being routinely cut off from his healthcare insurance with the passage of this work requirement because of incompetent beurocrats assigning him fit to work in error just by looking at his age.

You know this is going to happen. This is nothing but red meat thrown to the base an election year and our family member's lives are being played with.

All people deserve health care in this country.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
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Date: Thursday, August 2, 2018 10:11:29 AM

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Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 11:20:59 AM

Dear Acting Deputy Director Stiffler,

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 11:15:12 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 11:12:58 AM

Dear Acting Deputy Director Stiffler,

As a constituent and someone that treats patients with cystic fibrosis (CF), I'm writing to ask you to specifically and automatically exempt people with CF from work and community engagement requirements in Healthy Michigan. Furthermore, I ask that the state use its own data to identify people with CF for exemption to minimize the risk of inappropriate disenrollment and administrative burden on recipients.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 11:08:10 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
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Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 11:07:18 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
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Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 10:59:25 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 10:57:56 AM

Dear Acting Deputy Director Stiffler,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 10:55:34 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 10:54:46 AM

Dear Acting Deputy Director Stiffler,

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 10:52:32 AM

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 10:51:23 AM

Dear Acting Deputy Director Stiffler,

As a constituent and a parent personally affected by Cystic Fibrosis (CF), I'm writing to ask you to specifically and automatically exempt people with CF from work and community engagement requirements in Healthy Michigan. Furthermore, I ask that the state use its own data to identify people with CF for exemption to minimize the risk of inappropriate disenrollment and administrative burden on recipients. I greatly appreciate your consideration of this request!

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 10:51:06 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 10:48:13 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 10:44:05 AM

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To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 10:43:54 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 10:02:31 AM

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[REDACTED]

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Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 9:57:16 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 9:52:43 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 11:23:00 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Thursday, August 2, 2018 2:52:53 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Friday, August 3, 2018 12:16:20 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
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Date: Friday, August 3, 2018 8:42:05 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 5, 2018 4:49:00 PM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
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Date: Monday, August 6, 2018 3:30:37 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
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Date: Monday, August 6, 2018 5:24:48 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Monday, August 6, 2018 6:49:13 PM

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Consistent care is a critical component of CF treatment, and any loss or gaps in health coverage, because of failure to comply with these requirements, may put the health of people with CF at risk.

Again, I urge you to specifically and automatically exempt people with CF from the work requirement. Your attention to this matter will help people with CF continue to have access to the high-quality, specialized care they need to live full and healthy lives.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Monday, August 6, 2018 10:15:15 PM

Dear Acting Deputy Director Stiffler,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Monday, August 6, 2018 10:46:07 PM

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Monday, August 6, 2018 11:09:50 PM

Dear Acting Deputy Director Stiffler,

As a mother of a daughter personally affected by cystic fibrosis (CF), I'm writing to ask you to specifically and automatically exempt people with CF from work and community engagement requirements in Healthy Michigan. Furthermore, I ask that the state use its own data to identify people with CF for exemption to minimize the risk of inappropriate disenrollment and administrative burden on recipients.

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Consistent care is a critical component of CF treatment, and any loss or gaps in health coverage, because of failure to comply with these requirements, may put the health of my daughter and people with CF at risk.

Again, I urge you to specifically and automatically exempt my daughter and people with CF from the work requirement. Your attention to this matter will help my daughter and people with CF to continue to have access to the high-quality, specialized care they need to live full and healthy lives.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Monday, August 6, 2018 11:22:16 PM

Dear Acting Deputy Director Stiffler,

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 12:58:23 AM

Dear Acting Deputy Director Stiffler,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 3:39:39 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 7:00:46 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 7:04:19 AM

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 7:42:50 AM

Dear Acting Deputy Director Stiffler,

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 7:51:06 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 7:51:51 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 7:52:00 AM

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 8:04:42 AM

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Sincerely,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 8:15:22 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 8:51:21 AM

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My son has CF and while he's only 4 years old today, his need for medication and ability to stay healthy in order to work one day will be contingent on his receiving Medicaid. He also has a drive, already, to be active and able to help anyone in need. If he does not have health treatments, he won't be able to work and if he's not able to work, he won't have health treatments. There's a cycle here.

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From: [REDACTED]
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Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 12:06:48 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 12:20:31 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 12:32:31 PM

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Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 2:00:20 PM

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Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 3:03:43 PM

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To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 9:01:24 PM

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To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 11:13:44 PM

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Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 9:20:39 AM

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[REDACTED]

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Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 12:17:01 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 11:49:28 PM

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Date: Thursday, August 9, 2018 12:02:14 AM

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Date: Thursday, August 9, 2018 7:34:19 AM

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To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 5:16:43 PM

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Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 8:30:14 PM

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To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
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Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 9:31:21 AM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [HealthyMichiganPlan](#)
Subject: Demonstration Extension Application Amendment
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 7:37:23 PM

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