

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

MICHIGAN REHABILITATION SERVICES

**AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016-2020 STATE PLAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
August 9, 2019**

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (“MDHHS”) and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (“LEO”) will hold public meetings at four locations, as set forth below, to receive comments on the proposed amendment to the FY 2016-2020 State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the State Supported Employment Services Program. The proposed State Plan implements provisions of Executive Order 2019-13 in which Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) is transferred to the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. This State Plan will be submitted for final approval to the United States Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration after public comment has been received.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Address</u>
August 9, 2019	2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Disability Network Capital Area* 901 E. Mount Hope Avenue Lansing, MI 48910
August 9, 2019	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Michigan Rehabilitation Services Detroit Grand River Office 17411 Grand River Avenue Detroit, MI 48227
August 9, 2019	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Michigan Works Marquette 1498 Odovero Drive, Suite 2 Marquette, MI 49855
August 9, 2019	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Michigan Works Traverse City Networks NW Conference Center 1209 S. Garfield Avenue, Suite E Traverse City, MI 49686

*Individuals who will not be able to attend in person, but would like to participate, the following number is available: 1-877-336-1831, passcode 7467045

The proposed FY 2016-2020 State Plan amendment is posted on the Michigan Rehabilitation Services (“MRS”) website at www.michigan.gov/mrs. Executive Order 2019-13 is posted on Governor Whitmer’s website at www.michigan.gov.

Written comments -- Written comments on the proposed FY 2016-2020 State Plan amendment may be submitted by e-mail message with "state plan comments" in the subject line, to MRS at PolicyUnitSupportCenter@michigan.gov. Written comments may also be submitted in person at any of the above meetings or mailed to:

State Plan Comments
c/o MRS Bureau Director
Michigan Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 30010
Lansing, MI 48909

All written comments, including e-mail on the proposed FY 2016-2020 State Plan amendment must be received no later than **6 p.m. on August 9, 2019**.

Accommodations -- All meeting sites are accessible. Individuals attending the meetings are requested to refrain from using heavily scented personal care products in order to enhance accessibility for everyone.

Persons with disabilities requiring additional accommodations (such as materials in alternative format), or language interpreter in order to participate in the meeting or submit comments must call 1-800-605-6722 by 5 p.m. on Aug. 2, 2019.

Meeting Protocols -- To encourage orderly administration of the meetings and minimize the possibility of any disruptions, meetings will be conducted in accord with protocols approved by the MRS Director, in consultation with the Michigan Rehabilitation Council, as follows:

1. The sole purpose of the meeting is to accept comments from the public regarding the Proposed State Plan Amendment.
2. Each meeting shall be chaired by an MRS representative.
3. The facilitator shall preside over all aspects of the meeting.
4. The facilitator shall have final authority to implement and interpret these meeting protocols so as to maximize public comment opportunities while maintaining order and decorum.
5. Members of the public who desire to make public comment will be given a number and recognized by the chair in numerical order; each member of the public making a comment shall be provided a single 5-minute time period to make their public comment. Members of the public or groups or organizations wishing to submit written or recorded comments at the meeting may do so by providing the written or recorded comments to the meeting secretary at the meeting.
6. Members of the public who desire to make public comment have been provided a toll free call in have been provided a toll-free call-in number. Each member of the public making a comment shall be provided a single 5 minute time period to make their public comment.

7. All meeting participants shall avoid engaging in any form of disruptive conduct. All participant behavior shall be appropriate and respectful. The facilitator may require any participant to immediately cease any disruptive behaviors and may direct the removal of any non-compliant person.
8. The facilitator shall designate a meeting secretary who shall ensure that a summary of all public comments and material submitted at the meeting is compiled, along with a record of the date, time, place and identification of staff of MDHHS or MRS who attend the meeting.
9. The meeting summary will be published on the following website:
www.michigan.gov/mrs
10. The facilitator shall have authority to implement additional meeting protocols in order to ensure reasonable and necessary accommodations or meet other legal requirements.

For general information about:

MRS -- visit www.michigan.gov/mrs or call toll-free: 800-605-6722*

*TTY users may contact MRS by dialing 711 and providing the relay operator with the toll free number.

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