

July 9, 2020

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Dear Provider:

RE: Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS) COVID-19 Response: Level of Care Determination (LOCD) End Date Extensions Phase II

The purpose of this letter is to allow continuing flexibilities related to the completion of existing LOCDs with end dates that fall between July 1, 2020 and October 31, 2020 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The LOCD is an eligibility tool used to determine functional eligibility of individuals seeking LTSS in a Medicaid-certified nursing facility and home and community-based programs, including MI Choice, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and MI Health Link Waiver.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, MDHHS will extend the end date of existing LOCDs in the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS) where the end dates fall between July 1, 2020 and October 31, 2020. No action is needed by the provider or agency. **Providers should not conduct LOCDs during this timeframe if there is an existing eligible LOCD in CHAMPS for the beneficiary.**

The extended end dates will be visible in CHAMPS no later than July 31, 2020. The following LOCDs will be extended **180 days – existing eligible Door LOCDs (Doors 1-8, 67, 77) with end dates of July 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020.**

At the conclusion of this public health emergency, Medicaid LTSS providers must ensure the beneficiary continues to meet eligibility requirements on an ongoing basis. The LTSS provider will be responsible for conducting a new LOCD if there was a significant change in the beneficiary's condition.

Policy information for the LOCD can be found in the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual at [www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders](http://www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders) >> Policy, Letters & Forms.

**MDHHS strongly encourages providers to subscribe to COVID-19 updates at [www.Michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.Michigan.gov/coronavirus).**

**The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides resources for healthcare providers and others at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Massey', followed by a horizontal line.

Kate Massey, Director  
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