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State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant (STR Grant)

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Administration has been awarded a two-year grant to address the opioid crisis – a nationwide public health crisis with devastating consequences including increase prescription drug misuse and opioid-related deaths. This grant is in pursuant to the authority of Section 1003 of the 21st Century Cures Act with all grant activities aligning with both the current MDHHS Strategic Plan and the 2015 Governor’s Prescription Drug and Opioid Task Force Recommendations. Michigan was awarded \$16,372,680 per year to address this crisis.

The STR grant will allow Michigan to increase access to treatment; reduce unmet treatment need; and reduce opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery activities for Opioid Use Disorders (OUDs). To achieve the purpose for the project, grant services will include: 1) training substance use disorder professionals on evidence based prevention and treatment interventions and fidelity measures; 2) expanding the availability and use of specially trained peers for Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) and drug free programming; 3) expanding overdose education and naloxone distribution; 4) improving access to psychiatric services and psychotropic medications to individuals with OUD; 5) expanding the use of peers in emergency departments and primary care settings; and 6) dissemination of a statewide media campaign for the purpose of public education. These services will occur at the state and community level with federally qualified health centers, local public health departments, Indian Health Services, MAT clinics, residential programs, select correctional facilities, community college and university health and/or counseling centers.

This project is a statewide targeted project with efforts being disseminated throughout all 10 Michigan Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans. The STR Grant will also work with the Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) Tribal OUD Prevention Initiative.

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