

CMHSP Proposed Payment Method to Court Appointed Guardians and Conservators

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Sec. 950. The department, in collaboration with the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards, shall determine the best payment method and financial cost of providing \$95.00 per month to court-appointed guardians and conservators that are providing services to individuals receiving community mental health services. By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department shall provide a report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices, and the state budget office on the proposed payment method and financial cost of providing \$95.00 per month to court-appointed guardians and conservators that are providing services to individuals receiving community mental health services.



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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) met with the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan (previously known as the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards), Michigan Guardianship Association, and public guardians to discuss establishing a process to evaluate funding and payment mechanisms to support court-appointed guardians and conservators that provide guardianship services to individuals receiving community mental health services.

One mechanism was identified where an individual and/or agency can register as a vendor on the State of Michigan's accounting system and receive a payment directly from the MDHHS. The discussions were then postponed due to the enactment of Section 950 of Public Act 207 of 2018 which reads as follows:

From the funds appropriated in part 1 for court-appointed guardian and conservator reimbursements, the department shall allocate not more than \$1,500,000.00 to reimburse counties for 50% of the cost to reimburse court-appointed public guardians and conservators for recipients who also receive CMHSP services. The department shall only reimburse for 50% of the cost for reimbursement up to \$83.00 per month per court-appointed public guardian and conservator. By September 15 of the current fiscal year, the department shall provide a report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices, and the state budget office on the number of counties that received these funds, the number of court-appointed public guardians and conservators who were reimbursed by the counties that received these funds, and the per-month reimbursement rates provided by the counties that received these funds.

MDHHS will reconvene discussions with the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan, Michigan Guardianship Association, and public guardians to evaluate what changes, if any, may be required to comply with the new legislation.