

December 18, 2015

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Dear Stakeholders and Interested Parties:

**RE: Section 1115 Waiver – Pathway to Integration Proposal**

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a §1115 Demonstration Waiver to combine under a single waiver authority all services and eligible populations served through its §1915(b) and its multiple §1915(c) waivers for persons with Serious Mental Illness (SMI), Substance Use Disorders (SUD), Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED). Under this consolidated waiver authority, Michigan is seeking broad flexibility to develop quality, financing and integrated care (physical and behavioral health care) initiatives for all Specialty Service Populations on a statewide basis.

In addition to aligning and expanding MDHHS integrated care initiatives for all Specialty Service Populations, the services covered under this §1115 waiver include the full array of mandatory and optional State Plan services for persons who meet the eligibility criteria for the Specialty Services System. Michigan is NOT reducing or limiting any benefits outlined in this waiver application.

The proposed effective date of this waiver is April 1, 2016.

A copy of the complete §1115 waiver, stakeholder notice and waiver summary is available online at [www.michigan.gov/mdhhs](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs) >> Keeping Michigan Healthy >> Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability >> Mental Health. You may request a hard copy of the complete §1115 waiver, stakeholder notice and waiver summary by contacting Teri Baker at the address below. You may also submit questions or comments regarding the waiver to the address below or by email at [MDHHS-Pathway1115@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-Pathway1115@Michigan.gov). All comments on this topic should include a "Section 1115 – Pathway to Integration" reference somewhere in the written submission or the subject line if by email.

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**Please provide all input by February 2, 2016.** Two public hearings have been scheduled for following dates, times and locations:

- January 13, 2016, 1:00-2:30 p.m. Webinar:  
<https://connectpro14871085.adobeconnect.com/duale/>  
U.S. Toll-Free Access Number: 877-366-0711  
Participant Passcode: 39535358

- January 28, 2016, Lansing Center, 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
333 Michigan Avenue  
Lansing MI 48933

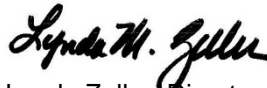
Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free at 1-800-292-2550.

We thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,



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