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Dear Interested Party:

RE: Michigan's Revised Statewide Transition Plan for Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Programs.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) provides Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) to individuals in the Medicaid program. These services help Michigan citizens with disabilities or other health issues to live at home or in the community. MDHHS offers many of these services through "waivers" which were approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

CMS released a new rule for HCBS waivers. MDHHS has six waivers that are impacted by the Final Rule. They are as follows:

- §1915(c) Children's Waiver Program
- §1915(c) Habilitation Supports Waiver Program
- §1915(c) MI Choice Waiver Program
- §1915(c) MI Health Link HCBS Waiver Program
- §1915(c) Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances
- §1915 (i) under the 1115 Behavioral Health Demonstration

MDHHS developed a Statewide Transition Plan to outline the implementation process for this rule. Since the MI Health Link HCBS Waiver Program was approved by CMS after March 2014, all settings are required to be in immediate compliance with the Final Rule and are not included in the Statewide Transition Plan.

MDHHS recently revised its Statewide Transition Plan based on feedback from CMS. The revised Statewide Transition Plan can be found online at <u>www.michigan.gov/mdhhs</u> >> Assistance Programs >> Health Care Coverage >> Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition >> Revised Statewide Transition Plan. Any comments regarding the revised Statewide Transition Plan, or requests for a written copy, may be submitted to <u>HCBSTransition@michigan.gov</u>.

MDHHS will be accepting comments until October 27, 2022. All comments on this topic should include a "Statewide Transition Plan Comment" reference in the subject line of the e-mail.

Stakeholders should only submit comments related to the content of the revised plan. MDHHS will prepare a consultation summary based on these comments which will be made available at the above website following the end of the comment period. There is no public hearing scheduled for this Statewide Transition Plan.

The revised Statewide Transition Plan will be submitted to CMS for final approval October 27, 2022. At this time, it will also be posted online. Upon approval from CMS, the approval letter and the approved version of the plan will be posted online.

We thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

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