

December 1, 2016

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Dear Interested Party:

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

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 and Medicaid Services (CMS).

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

- §1915(c) Children's Waiver Program
- §1915(c) Habilitation Supports Waiver
- §1915(c) MI Choice Waiver
- §1915(c) MI Health Link HCBS Waiver Program
- §1915(c) Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances
- §1915(b) Managed Specialty Services and Supports Waiver – Settings for §1915(b)(3) Services [Community Living Supports, Skill Building and Supported Employment]

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 it is not included in the Statewide Transition Plan.

MDHHS recently revised its Statewide Transition Plan based on feedback from the CMS. The revised Statewide Transition Plan can be found online at: www.michigan.gov/mdhhs >> Assistance Programs >> Health Care Coverage >> Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition >> Revised Statewide Transition Plan.

The revised Statewide Transition Plan will be submitted to CMS for approval on March 31, 2017.

Comments

Any comments regarding the revised Statewide Transition Plan covered by this public notice, or a request for a written copy, may be submitted in writing to HCBSTransition@michigan.gov or by mail to:


Attention: Medicaid Policy
Program Policy Division
Bureau of Medicaid Policy and Health System Innovation
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
P.O. Box 30479
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7979

MDHHS will be accepting comments until January 3, 2017. All comments on this topic should include a "Statewide Transition Plan Comment" reference somewhere in the written submission or in the subject line if e-mail is used. Stakeholders should only submit comments related to the content of the revised plan at this time. 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 initial approval on March 31, 2017. At that time, it will also be posted online.

We thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Priest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Chris Priest, Director
Medical Services Administration