

May 31, 2016

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Dear Interested Party:

RE: MI Choice Section 1915(b) Waiver Amendment

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is submitting an amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Section 1915(b) MI Choice waiver. The purpose of the amendment is to add Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) as a service in MI Choice. This will allow MI Choice waiver agencies to authorize NEMT for MI Choice participants instead of obtaining authorization through MDHHS local offices.

Implementation of NEMT will take place in two phases by county. For any county not included in Phase I, MDHHS local offices will continue to authorize NEMT for MI Choice. During Phase II, MDHHS local offices will no longer need to authorize NEMT for MI Choice participants as all Michigan counties will be included in Phase II.

Phase I will begin on October 1, 2016 and will include the following counties: Antrim, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Clare, Clinton, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Isabella, Jackson, Kalkaska, Lapeer, Leelanau, Lenawee, Manistee, Midland, Missaukee, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola, and Wexford. Phase II will begin on April 1, 2017 and will include all remaining Michigan counties not included in Phase I.

MDHHS would like to hear from all interested parties. The Section 1915(b) MI Choice waiver amendment can be found online at: www.michigan.gov/providers >> Providers >> Other Health Care Programs >> MI Choice.

The amendment will be updated as needed until July 1, 2016, when it will be submitted to CMS for approval. At that time, the final version of the amendment will be posted online. You may submit comments regarding the MI Choice waiver amendment in writing or request a paper copy of the amendment via email to MSAPolicy@michigan.gov, or by mail to:

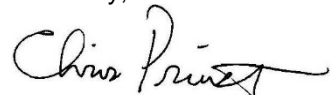
Attention: Medicaid Policy
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All comments on this topic should include a "MI Choice Section 1915(b) Amendment Comment" reference somewhere in the written submission or in the subject line if email is used. Comments and related responses will be available at the above website following the end of the comment period. Comments will be accepted until June 30, 2016.

There is no public hearing scheduled for the waiver amendment.

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 horizontal stroke at the end.

Chris Priest, Director
Medical Services Administration