

October 23, 2017

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Dear Provider:

RE: MI Marketplace Option Provider Information and Webinar

This letter provides information about implementation of the Healthy Michigan Plan 1115 demonstration waiver amendment approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 17, 2015. Approval of this waiver amendment was required by Public Act 107 of 2013, and provides the framework for **a new health care coverage program known as the MI Marketplace Option**. Information about this waiver amendment, including the operational protocols, can be found at www.michigan.gov/healthymichiganplan.

Consistent with the waiver amendment, **the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will begin transitioning eligible beneficiaries from the Healthy Michigan Plan to a MI Marketplace Option health plan starting in April 2018.**

MI Marketplace Option health plans are not Medicaid health plans. They will provide a more limited benefit package, consistent with the Affordable Care Act's essential health benefits, and will have their own provider networks and prescription drug formularies. MDHHS will cover non-emergency medical transportation, family planning services provided by out-of-network providers, and any MI Marketplace Option Medicaid-covered services provided by out-of-network federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics and tribal health centers as wrap-around services.

Not all Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries will be required to transition to the MI Marketplace Option. For example, only individuals age 21 and older who have incomes above 100% of the Federal Poverty Level and have been enrolled in a Healthy Michigan Plan health plan for at least one year without choosing a healthy behavior through a Health Risk Assessment (HRA) may move to the MI Marketplace Option. MDHHS will also identify other individuals who are exempt from the MI Marketplace Option. Specifically, MDHHS will exempt beneficiaries with serious health conditions or complex needs from the MI Marketplace Option, and will review beneficiary exemption requests. Providers may work with beneficiaries to request this exemption. MDHHS will provide more information on the medical exemption process at a later time.

MDHHS will begin notifying beneficiaries who may be eligible to transition to the MI Marketplace Option in November 2017 via a beneficiary letter. The notices will encourage beneficiaries to complete an HRA and choose a healthy behavior. Primary care providers are encouraged to assist their Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries with completing the HRA and choosing a healthy behavior.

A MSA bulletin will be issued prior to April 1, 2018 with policies and guidance for the MI Marketplace Option. In order to provide additional information about the MI Marketplace Option, and to assist providers in answering beneficiary questions, **MDHHS will also conduct a live provider informational webinar on November 7, 2017 from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm.** Providers may join the webinar at the following link: <https://somedhhs.adobeconnect.com/rpzae6byxyho/>. A recorded version of the webinar will also be available at www.michigan.gov/mimarketplaceoption for those unable to attend the live webinar. We will continue to post information about the MI Marketplace Option on this webpage as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Priest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a stylized "P" and "r".

Chris Priest, Director
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