

November 9, 2021

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Dear Interested Party:

RE: Sections 1915(b)/(c) MI Health Link Waiver Amendments

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will submit amendment applications to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Sections 1915(b)/(c) MI Health Link Waivers.

The following change will be made to the amendment applications:

Remove the Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) benefit from the MI Health Link Section 1915(c) waiver. PERS is an electronic device that enables enrollees to secure help in an emergency. The enrollee may also wear a portable “help” button to allow for mobility. The system is connected to the enrollee’s phone and programmed to signal a response center once a “help” button is activated.

The PERS benefit will remain available to all MI Health Link members as a Plan Supplemental Benefit. Members who are eligible for PERS will be able to access this benefit regardless of their level of care determination (LOCD) status.

The anticipated effective date of these renewal applications is January 1, 2022.

There is no public hearing scheduled for the amendment application. Input regarding the application is highly encouraged. The Sections 1915(b)/(c) MI Health Link Waiver draft amendment applications can be found online under the ‘spotlight’ link at <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs> >> Doing Business with MDHHS >> Health Care Providers >> MI Health Link.

The documents are drafts and will be updated as needed until submitted for approval by January 10, 2021. At that time, the final version of the applications will be posted online. Comments may be submitted to MSAPolicy@michigan.gov.

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All comments on this topic should include a “MI Health Link Sections 1915(b)/(c) Amendments Comment” reference somewhere in the written submission or in the subject line if e-mail 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 December 9, 2021.

MDHHS appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to care for the residents of our state. We thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Massey', followed by a horizontal line.

Kate Massey, Director
Medical Services Administration