

September 26, 2018

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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 and Medicaid Services (CMS).

CMS has since released a Final Rule for HCBS waivers. MDHHS has four waivers that are impacted by the Final Rule. They are:

- §1915(c) Habilitation Supports Waiver Program
- §1915(c) MI Choice Waiver Program
- §1915(c) MI Health Link HCBS Waiver Program
- §1915(b) Managed Specialty Services and Supports Waiver Program – Setting 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 the Final 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: www.michigan.gov/mdhhs >> Assistance Programs >> Health Care Coverage >> Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition >> Revised Statewide Transition Plan. Any comments regarding the Revised Statewide Transition Plan covered by this notice, or requests for a written copy, may be submitted by e-mail 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 accept comments until October 26, 2018. 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. 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 on November 1, 2018. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Stiffler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathy" being more prominent than the last name "Stiffler".

Kathy Stiffler, Acting Director
Medical Services Administration