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MDHHS releases revised Statewide Transition Plan for Home and Community-Based Services

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services provides home and Community-Based Services 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. Michigan offers many of these services through waivers, which were approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

CMS recently released a new rule for Home and Community-Based Services waivers to promote enhanced quality of services and personal protections. MDHHS has five 1915(c) waivers that are impacted by the final rule:

- Children’s Waiver Program
- Habilitation Supports Waiver
- MI Choice Waiver
- MI Health Link HCBS Waiver Program
- Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances

MDHHS developed a Statewide Transition Plan to outline the implementation process for this rule. The Department recently revised its Statewide Transition Plan based on feedback from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The revised Statewide Transition Plan can be found on the MDHHS Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition page.

Any comments regarding the proposed Statewide Transition Plan covered by this public notice, or 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 Actuarial Services
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
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The revised Statewide Transition Plan is a draft and will be updated as needed until Feb. 29, 2015, when the plan will be submitted to CMS for approval. MDHHS will accept public comments until Jan. 22, 2016.

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