

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH  
FY 2004 BOILERPLATE REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

**Progress on Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Program**

**November 1, 2004 Report**

**Section 1689(2)**

**“Priority in enrolling additional persons in the Medicaid home and community based services program shall be given to those who are currently residing in nursing homes or who are eligible to be admitted to a nursing home if they are not provided home and community based services.”**

**Wait Lists and Prioritizing for MI Choice Program, Michigan’s Medicaid home and community based services (HCBS) program.**

Currently, all participants who are enrolled in MI Choice are eligible to be admitted to a nursing home. The program meets the requirement that all persons must meet the nursing facility level of care and thus are at risk for institutionalization. CMS has approved the current HCBS application with explicit language that does not allow wait lists, or prioritization of participants beyond the basic targeting criteria: aged and disabled over the age of 18.

MDCH currently is working on a wait list mechanism with prioritization of a percentage of annual participant slots for nursing facility transition and persons that age out of the Children with Special Health Care Service Program. CMS must approve such changes to the MI Choice Program. MDCH anticipates that a wait list methodology and prioritization rules will be submitted for approval in the next nine months.

**“The department shall implement screening and assessment procedures to assure that no additional Medicaid eligible persons are admitted to nursing homes who would be more appropriately served by the Medicaid home and community based services program.”**

MDCH is in the process of working to implement revised eligibility criteria effective November that will be included in a procedure to identify appropriate participants for the Waiver. This “informed choice” procedure will be implemented for all programs that require the nursing facility level of care (Nursing Facilities, MI Choice, and PACE) within the next nine months. Currently, MI Choice funds are extremely limited for participant transition from nursing facilities.

**“Within 30 days of the end of each fiscal quarter, the department shall provide a report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on community health and the senate and house fiscal agencies that details existing and future allocations for home and community based waiver program by regions as well as the associated expenditures. The report shall include information regarding the net cost savings from moving persons from a nursing home to the home and community based services waiver program and the amount of funds transferred.”**

The table below identifies the funds allocated to each Waiver Program for FY 2004. Since providers are prospectively reimbursed based on the projected number of participants each month, and providers have 180 days from the service date to submit a ‘suppressed’ claim, there is no accurate account of actual quarterly expenditures at this time. Included below are the prospective reimbursement payments to date by waiver program. Although there are no dollar savings to report at this time from nursing facility transfers, the Nursing Facility Transfer Initiative has successfully transferred 37 nursing home residents into community programs or into their own homes with no program necessary.

<b>Waiver Program</b>	<b>FY 2004 Allocation</b>	<b>Total FY 2004 Payments</b>
A & D Home Health Care	3,586,194	3,586,194
AAA 1-B	11,625,419	11,658,375
AAA of Northwest Michigan	2,471,217	2,471,217
AAA of Western Michigan	5,931,234	6,031,234
Burnham Brook Center <b>(3 &amp; 4)</b>	7,169,744	7,010,611
Detroit AAA	9,539,942	9,400,058
Home Health Services, Inc. <b>(8 &amp; 14)</b>	6,466,295	6,466,295
Information Center	2,299,851	2,299,851
MORC	3,736,425	3,736,425
NEMSCA	2,516,973	2,435,660
Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority	2,225,607	2,225,607
Northern Michigan Regional Health System	1,624,764	1,624,764
Region 2 Area Agency on Aging	3,980,931	3,980,931
Region IV AAA	5,490,223	5,468,087
Region VII AAA	4,935,610	4,795,709
Senior Alliance	1,773,813	1,710,666
Senior Resources	5,340,087	5,340,087
Senior Services	2,478,090	2,478,090
Tri-County Office on Aging	6,592,348	6,171,609
Upper Peninsula AAA	6,407,238	6,281,653
Valley AAA	3,389,519	3,246,771
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,581,524</b>	<b>98,419,894</b>