

August 3, 2020

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Dear Interested Party:

RE: Section 1915(c) MI Health Link Waiver Amendment

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is submitting an amendment application to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Section 1915(c) MI Health Link Waiver.

The following changes will be made through the amendment application:

1. Modifications to performance measure related to education about abuse, neglect, exploitation, and other critical incidents to clarify where the documentation should be found and the time-period for review.
2. Modifications to the performance measure related to Individual Integrated Care and Supports Plan (IICSP) individualized goals.
3. Retire performance measure pertaining to the timeliness of the IICSP.
4. Addition of a performance measure related to required monthly contact between the Integrated Care Organization (ICO) and the waiver enrollee.
5. Clarification that the service definition for respite includes:
 - a. Attendant care (enrollee is not bed-bound), such as companionship, supervision, and/or assistance with toileting, eating, and ambulation.
 - b. Basic care (enrollee may or may not be bed-bound), such as assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL), a routine exercise regimen, and self-medication.
6. Addition of clarifying guidance related to critical incident reporting requirements when multiple incident types occur on the same day for the same beneficiary.
7. Modifications to the limitations for the environmental modifications service to exclude homes in the foreclosure process. Additionally, language will be added restricting modifications that would result in valuation of the structure significantly above comparable neighborhood real estate values.
8. Addition of language to the environmental modification service definition to provide further clarification about service standards and eligibility.

The anticipated effective date of this amendment application is January 1, 2021.

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

The document is a draft and will be updated as needed until submitted for approval by October 1, 2020. At that time, the final version of the application will be posted online. Comments may be submitted via e-mail to MSAPolicy@michigan.gov.

All comments on this topic should include "Section 1915(c) MI Health Link Amendment" in the subject line of the e-mail. Comments and related responses will be available at the above website following the end of the comment period. Comments will be accepted until September 15, 2020.

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