

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Update

Mid-State  
Health Network



# COVID-19 Topics

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# Legislative Updates

## Cares ACT

- ▶ Provider Relief Fund - Extended the application deadline for Phase 2 of the Provider Relief Fund - September 13, 2020  
[https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIDHHS/2020/09/02/file\\_attachments/1532845/L%202020-53%20-%20Final%20rev%209-2-20.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIDHHS/2020/09/02/file_attachments/1532845/L%202020-53%20-%20Final%20rev%209-2-20.pdf)
  - ▶ Information on the Provider Relief Fund <https://www.hhs.gov/providerrelief>
- ▶ MDHHS Announces \$25 million for Personal Protective Equipment to Keep Frontline Workers and Patients Safe from COVID-19
  - ▶ The grant will assist facilities facing increased costs for PPE as they provide critical services to Michiganders during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - ▶ The application is available on the Michigan PPE Grant Program webpage. [Michigan PPE Grant Program webpage](#)

# Michigan Updates

- ▶ [EO 2020-177](#) - Declaration of state of emergency and state of disaster related to the COVID-19 pandemic - *Extension through October 1, 2020*
- ▶ [EO 2020-172](#) - Protecting workers who stay home, stay safe when they or their close contacts are sick - Rescission of Executive Order 2020-166
- ▶ MSHN continues to meet with MDHHS weekly to receive state updates as well as provide PIHP concerns, feedback, etc.
- ▶ Recent focus related to strategic planning along with preparing for the next phase of COVID

# MDHHS Specific Updates

- ▶ MDHHS sought feedback from PIHPs to utilize the remaining federal COVID funds:
  - must be related to COVID
  - must be used by end of the year 12.31.20
  - value in extending the DCW through 12.31.20 (approximately \$50million dollars)
  - Department considering a couple other items that they have been pressed on including consideration on payments to inpatient psych units for those accepting COVID patients similar to nursing home side
- ▶ **MSHN Feedback:**
  - Fully support continuation of the DCW wage pass through until at least 12/31
  - PPE stockpiles – for PIHPs, especially for SUD providers (small providers with little purchasing power)
  - Reimburse CMHSPs and other providers for environmental modifications at facilities serving beneficiaries and related purchases (such as outdoor tents/awnings for screenings prior to building entry) made related to COVID-19
  - Support for COVID-19 testing in all specialized residential facilities, SUD residential treatment centers, foster homes (to the extent not already being addressed via public health area) including personnel, training and testing costs
  - Reimbursement for provider telehealth-related supply/equipment purchases and related infrastructure costs (i.e., increased bandwidth in service delivery facilities...if expended in response to pandemic)
  - Reimbursement for hotel/lodging expenses for personnel housed there for COVID reasons
  - Rapid COVID Test kits in EM across state for psych and SUD patients
  - Track phones with loaded minutes for use in telehealth – many with not updated phones

# MDHHS Specific Updates - Continued

- ▶ Flu Vaccine MDHHS meeting with Health Department officials to support flu clinics at/via CMHSPs/providers
- ▶ \$20M in additional provider stabilization support to date; 700 providers have benefitted from provider stabilization; 28 providers at risk of closure; 35 providers have permanently closed, primarily in Southeast Michigan.
- ▶ Additional issues emerging regarding residential & adequate staffing - MDHHS working on guidance & released on Tuesday: MDHHS Expands Rapid Response Staffing Resources Statewide for Long-Term Care Facilities Facing Staffing Shortages

# Latest MSHN Updates - Extensions

## Direct Care Wage Increase

Extended through 1.9.2021

## Provider Network Stabilization Plans

Extended through December 31,  
2020

[Link to Direct Support Professional Premium Pay Compensation](#)

# MSHN Specific Planning

## Revenue Analysis:

- ▶ Based on State mandates – MSHN updated regional guidance to expand Direct Care Worker (DCW) Premium Pay through 9.30.2020 and now through 01.09.2021
  - ▶ Providers rendering Withdrawal Management and Residential Services are eligible
  - ▶ MSHN practices an “Opt-in” Strategy for providers
  - ▶ Use of other federal funds must off-set requests to MSHN
- ▶ MDHHS disbursed revenue in June 2020 to support the original premium pay coverage period (4.1.20 – 6.30.20). The revenue to cover 7.1.20 – 9.30.20 will be disbursed in September. MSHN will use prior fiscal year savings to cover DCW premium pay from 10.1.20 – 1.9.21
  - ▶ The MDHHS revenue for 4.1.20 – 6.30.20 resulted in an increase of \$9.1 M for MH and \$273 k for SUD. MSHN anticipates similar funding rates for 7.1.20 – 9.30.20.
  - ▶ To date, MSHN has disbursed approximately \$115 k in premium pay support to providers
- ▶ MSHN has issued approximately \$1.5 M in provider stabilization payments to the SUD <sup>8</sup> network. MSHN is covering these payments with existing monthly revenue. MDHHS has not made any funding provisions at this time for this support.

# MSHN Specific Planning - COVID-testing at 4 Opioid Treatment Provider sites

At MDHHS request, MSHN targeted Region 5 residents in treatment for Opioid Use Disorder who are at high risk for COVID.

- ▶ MSHN coordinated with Ingham County Health Department to facilitate COVID-testing at Lansing's three Opioid Treatment Providers. This is completed.
- ▶ MSHN's Mobile Care Unit (MCU) has completed COVID testing at Saginaw's Opioid Treatment Provider site. This is completed.
- ▶ In Bay County, the Health Department has been offering COVID-testing so after briefly doing testing, the MCU has stopped offering that in Bay.
- ▶ The MCU will be refocusing on its original purpose: providing MAT services to underserved areas in Region 5.
- ▶ With its experience in Saginaw, the MCU can, if needed, resume COVID testing in other counties.

# MSHN Specific Planning

## Health & Racial Disparities – SUD Specific

MSHN is assessing SUD data in REMI & meeting with regional partners in Ingham, Eaton, Saginaw, Jackson and Isabella counties. Other counties to follow. Recent activities include:

- ▶ Collaborative workgroup meetings with people of color who are community partners
- ▶ Presentations on health disparities to Ingham County Health Department, Opioid Abuse Prevention Initiative & Southern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium
- ▶ Researching environmental racism impacts on long term health in communities of color

## Population Health – Health Disparities & Health Equity

Currently revising organizational Population Health & Integrated Care Plan for FY21-22. Expanded focus on health disparities and health equity

Three integrated health performance metrics for FY21 per MDHHS contract. Conducting Health Equity Analysis to reduce health disparities between racial/ethnic groups:

- ▶ Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness
- ▶ Follow-up After ED Visit for Alcohol/Drug Use

# MSHN COVID Website Resources

## OTHER RESOURCES / REFERENCE GUIDES

- **PPE Supplier Resources** - 7.20.20
- **Hotel Listing (available residential relocation due to COVID)**  - 4.16.20
- **Cell Phone Assistance** - 4.10.20
- **Surgical Mask Reuse Video** - 4.6.20
- **Free Online Meetings & Virtual Platforms** - 3.31.20
- **REVISED MSU Employee Screening Protocol** - 4.10.20
- **Stop the Spread of Germs** - 3.27.20
- **Infection Prevention Caregiver Exposure Protocol** - 3.22.20
- **Guidelines for Caregivers who demonstrate respiratory systems** - 3.22.20
- **PPE Reference Guide** - 3.21.20

## CONSUMER COVID RESOURCES

- **Suspending all Medicaid Renewals** - 8.10.20
- Evidence-based meditations and other free mental health resources through [headspace.com/MI](https://www.headspace.com/MI) - 5.3.20
- **Stay Home, Stay Well Initiative** - 5.3.20
- **Family Well-Being Guide** - 4.30.20
- **Supporting Peers Resources** - 4.21.20
- **Cell Phone Assistance** - 4.10.20
- **Medicaid Eligibility & Deductibles Hold** - 4.6.20
- **Stop the Spread of Germs** - 3.27.20

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# Outlook & Future Planning



Future considerations in relation to changes in waivers, policy and requirements.



Planning for increased service demands



Financial analysis and revenue projections; expected reduction in resources

Questions?

