

Community Mental Health Service Provider Network

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Jim Anderson Interim Secretary DATE: March 17, 2021

TO: MSHN SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND RECOVERY PROVIDERS

This memorandum is in regards to authorizations for treatment and payment for individuals served within Michigan's publicly funded Substance Use Disorder system as administered by Michigan's Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), who are designated as the Code defined responsible Community Mental Health Entity (CMHE) by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

More specifically, this communication relates to the identification of the responsible authorizer and payer for services based upon established residency as acknowledged by the 10 regional PIHPs (as cosigners below).

It is our expectation that when an individual is referred by any PIHP into an SUD treatment facility for withdrawal management or residential treatment, the provider will work with the referring PIHP for continued stay authorizations, authorizations for additional services, and payment for all services. Until such a time as the individual establishes residence in an <u>independent</u> setting in a different region (thereby decreeing their choice to reside in an alternate region), the original referring PIHP should remain the responsible entity relative the authorizations and payment for relevant services. A treatment facility location/address is not a residence for the purpose of determining PIHP financial responsibility.

The PIHPs have the same expectation regarding individuals referred via the corrections system into withdrawal management and/or residential treatment. The PIHP for the region that includes the last independent residence of the person served should be engaged by the provider for authorization and payment for all relevant services until such a time as the individual establishes residence in an <u>independent</u> setting in an alternate region.

Additionally, providers should take no action to change the Medicaid county of residence of the individual receiving services to the county where the treatment facility is located. Per the Medicaid Services Administration (MSA), there is no type of eligibility requirement dictating such a change in address when an individual enters a SUD treatment program. If an uninsured individual is referred to withdrawal management or residential treatment, it is the expectation of the PIHPs that the provider assists the person in applying for Medicaid/HMP using the individual's county of residence, not the county where the treatment facility is located.

Please contact our office if you have questions or concerns.

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