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To: Residential Providers From: Stacie Durant, CFO

cc: Willie Brooks, CEO, Dhannetta Brown, Deputy CFO, Eric Doeh, COO and

Dana Lasenby, CCO

**Date:** April 27, 2020

Re: COVID-19 Pandemic - \$2/hr. Direct Care Worker Wage Increase

On Friday, April 25, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced a state-wide initiative whereby behavioral health direct care workers would receive a \$2/hr. increase in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for the two-month period of April and May 2020.

Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) is awaiting funding and instructions from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) regarding Gov. Whitmer's initiative. Once received, it is our intent to distribute such funds as quickly as possible. It is imperative that our providers bill timely for residential services in an effort to ensure timely distribution of the wage increase.

We sincerely appreciate the valuable service of our frontline workers and are thankful MDHHS has acknowledged the hard work and commitment of the workers.

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