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URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

To: Unlicensed Residential Provider Network

RE: UNLICENSED RESIDENTIAL SETTING – HOME HELP

Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) understands that many residential providers in unlicensed residential homes have not sought home help through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for the provision of personal care services.

It is our expectation that all residential providers in unlicensed residential homes secure such assistance to offset the billing of community living supports H0043 for relevant services. DWMHA should not be and will not be subsidizing such services through H0043. The October 1, 2019 residential provider contract will include language that requires all providers to secure home help for eligible consumers. **Providers will have until October 31, 2019 to comply with this requirement.**

Upon MDHHS' approval of home help, where applicable, residential providers must reduce the number of hours currently billed under community living supports (H0043) or any other procedure code. DWMHA is strongly encouraging residential providers to secure home help for eligible consumers. For the new fiscal year, DWMHA will consider sanctions to ensure that providers make every effort to secure home help.

Unlicensed providers will be required to submit home help verification forms including the number of hours approved, to residentialreferral@dwmha.com no later than October 31, 2019. Please note that providers are on notice that after October 31, 2019, DWMHA may assess sanctions on dates of service beginning October 1, 2019, and offsets will be made against future payments until the residential provider is in compliance.

Finally, failure to comply with the aforementioned notice may result in a Medicaid Overpayment in accordance with 42 C.F.R. sec. 433.304. Such non-compliance could result in DWMHA reporting the matter to the Office of Inspector General for MDHHS.

As our residential provider partners, DWMHA appreciates all that you do for the people we serve and looks forward to our continued successful partnership.

Sincerely,
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