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To: DWIHN Provider Network

From: Eric Doeh, President and Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Stacie Durant - CFO, Melissa Moody -CCO; Manny Singla- CIO/CNO

Re: October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 - \$2.35/hr. DCW COVID-19 Hazard Pay Instructions

In accordance with Public Act 87 of 2021, the COVID 19 hazard pay will continue from **October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022** for the same service codes. In addition, virtual services have been included. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will continue to offer the hazard pay to Supported Employment, however evidenced based supported employment continues to be excluded from hazard pay.

Further, the DCW hazard pay rate has increased to \$2.35/hr. and providers will receive 12% or \$.29/hr. to cover taxes and other administrative costs. Consistent with the prior guidance, the premium pay must be paid in addition to the wage the direct care worker earned prior to March 31, 2020 and recorded separately from base pay on the paystub. For new direct care workers who began employment after March 30, 2020, the \$2.35/hr. would be in addition to their base wage.

Providers are required to pay hazard pay for the eligible service codes that were worked and billed to Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) in our MHWIN system. The providers are not required to pay hazard pay for non-billable hours. We have attached a letter dated November 4, 2020 from MDHHS to support this assertion. As the letter indicates, if providers chose to pay for non-billable hours, it must be paid using other funding sources.

Finally, in order to ensure timely payment, DWIHN will process payment for claims billed for the three months October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 if received in MHWIN by January 7, 2022. Further communication will be shared with the network on a specific date of payment. However, any claims submitted subsequent to January 7, 2022, will be processed in a final "sweep" or review process in early April 2022.

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In regards to Substance Use Disorder providers that completed the template for the first DCW increase, DWIHN will utilize the same rates developed in the prior payment. Therefore, you do not need to submit a template unless the hours have changed significantly from the prior fiscal year.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Enclosures

