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TO: Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Leads
Community Mental Health Service Provider (CMHSP) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Leads
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Incompass Provider Agencies

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SUBJECT: Communication to Providers Regarding COVID 19 and Heightened Scrutiny

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration
Update on Heightened Scrutiny Process During COVID-19 Public
Health Emergency

The Federal Compliance section of the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA) will continue our Heightened Scrutiny work with our partner Michigan State University Institute for Health Policy – MSU-IHP

Please watch for additional information regarding timelines and how we plan to move forward in our HS work during the public health emergency declared by Governor Whitmer. This information will be provided to our partners with the Prepaid Inpatient Health Programs (PIHP) and the Community Mental Health Services Providers (CMHSP) and to the Michigan Assisted Living Association (MALA) and Incompass Michigan (formerly MARO) for further dissemination.

Providers are encouraged to use this time to develop and implement policies that enhance your HCBS compliance and that will be required upon your HS review.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the Heightened Scrutiny process you may contact the MDHHS HCBS Transition team at HCBSTransition@michigan.gov

Additional information regarding the Coronavirus COVID-19 can be found at the following resources:

State of Michigan coronavirus information: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>

BHDDA: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/BHDDACOV19>

CMS: <https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Current-Emergencies-page>

Medicaid FAQ: <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/covid-19-faqs.pdf>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/summary.html>

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