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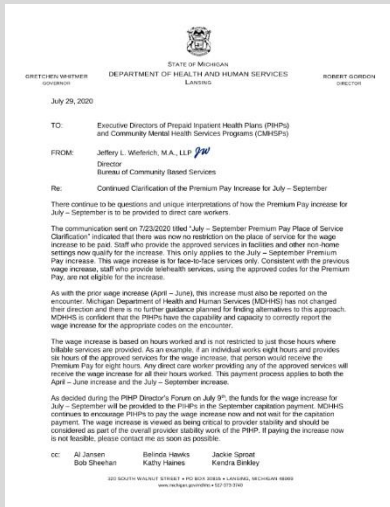
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CONTINUED CLARIFICATION ON THE APPLICATION AND QUALIFICATION FOR PREMIUM PAY FROM JULY 1 - SEPT 30, 2020.

Additional clarification has been issued on the application and qualification for the \$2 Premium Pay beginning July 1, 2020. Please read the attached letter from DHHS.

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TO: Executive Directors of Hospital Inpatient Health Plans (HIPs) and Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMH-ESPs)

FROM: Jeffrey L. Wolfelich, M.A., LL.P. Director Bureau of Community Based Services

Re: Continued Clarification of the Premium Pay Increase for July - September

These continue to be questions and unique interpretations of how the Premium Pay increase for July - September is to be provided to direct care workers.

The communication sent on 7/23/2020 titled "July - September Premium Pay Place of Service Clarification" indicated that there was no restriction on the place of service for the wage increase to be paid. Staff who provide the approved services in facilities and other non-home settings now qualify for the increase. This only applies to the July - September Premium Pay increase. This wage increase is for face-to-face services only. Consistent with the previous wage increase, staff who provide telehealth services, using the approved codes for the Premium Pay, are not eligible for the increase.

As with the prior wage increase (April - June), this increase must also be reported on the encounter. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has not changed their direction and there is no further guidance planned for finding alternatives to this approach. MDHHS is confident that the Plan's have the capacity and ability to correctly report the wage increase for the appropriate codes on the encounter.

The wage increase is based on hours worked and is not restricted to just those hours where telehealth services are provided. For an example, if an individual works eight hours and provides six hours of the approved services for the wage increase, that person would receive the Premium Pay for eight hours. Any direct care worker providing any of the approved services will receive the wage increase for all their hours worked. This payment process applies to both the April - June increase and the July - September increase.

As decided during the PHIP Director's Forum on July 16th, the funds for the wage increase for July - September will be provided in the first in the September capitation payment. MDHHS continues to encourage PHIPs to pay the wage increase now and not wait for the capitation payment. The wage increase is viewed as being critical to provider stability and should be considered as part of the overall provider stability work of the PHIP. If paying the increase now is not feasible, please contact me as soon as possible.

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TELEHEALTH CODE CHART UPDATE

Download this HCPCS code chart for updates on allowed Tele-Health Services. Note green/yellow coding definitions on the last page.

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