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TO: Executive Directors of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) and
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SUBJECT: Parent Support Partner Certification

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, in partnership with the Association for Children's Mental Health, oversees and provides the training and technical assistance including certification for the Parent Support Partner (PSP) Medicaid service. The PSP model in Michigan is designed to support parents and caregivers whose children and youth are receiving services within the public mental health system through an intervention-based, skill development approach. PSP is a State Plan covered Medicaid service under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT). You are required to have this service available in sufficient capacity in your service array for children and families.

Certification includes five full days of training. Due to the need for virtual trainings due to COVID 19 concerns the actual number of training days are being expanded to offer more engagement in a virtual platform. In addition to the core training the additional certification components include monthly coaching calls, quarterly technical assistance meetings and supervision consultation and support. Individuals who are seeking to provide the PSP Medicaid service must be:

- 18 years or older
- A parent or day-to-day primary caregiver who has lived experience and is currently raising, or has raised a child with emotional, behavioral, mental health challenges and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities
- Directly hired and employed by a CMHSP or a contracted agency (family run organization or other CMHSP contract agency)

PSP certification is only intended for individuals actively providing the PSP Medicaid Service. Certification is not considered an official licensure through the State of Michigan. If a PSP is no longer employed or is no longer providing the Medicaid service, they will no longer be considered certified. If a previously certified PSP is hired to provide the Medicaid service, additional training and support would be designed to recertify.

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