MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended, and consultation guidelines for Medicaid policy provide an opportunity to review proposed changes in Medicaid policies and procedures.

Please review the policy summary and the attached materials that describe the specific changes being proposed. Let us know why you support the change or oppose the change.

Submit your comments to the analyst by the due date specified. Your comments must be received by the due date to be considered for the final policy bulletin.

Thank you for participating in the consultation process.

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Policy Subject: Update of Maternal Infant Health Program Staff Qualifications

Affected Programs: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services, MI Health Link,

MIChild

Distribution: Maternal Infant Health Program Providers, Medicaid Health Plans

Policy Summary: This policy updates the required professional qualifications for registered nurses and social workers providing services representative of the Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) by removing the educational requirements while maintaining licensure requirements.

Purpose: Current professional qualifications for registered nurses and social workers providing services within MIHP include educational requirements, state licensure, and professional experience. The education requirement for MIHP registered nurses and social workers is being removed to align with current professional requirements of these licensed professionals within the Medicaid program.

Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Medical Services Administration

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The purpose of this bulletin is to update the required qualifications for nurses and social workers providing Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) services, effective for dates of service on or after May 1, 2016.

MIHP Professional Qualifications

All nurses must possess:

- Current licensure as a registered nurse by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, and
- At least one year of experience providing community health, pediatric or maternal/infant nursing services.

All social workers must possess:

- Current licensure as a social worker by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, and
- At least one year of experience providing social work services to families.

It is the responsibility of the MIHP provider to maintain proof of professional qualifications for all professionals providing services on behalf of the agency. Services provided by a professional that do not meet the above qualifications will not be reimbursed.