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New Feature - Searching for past articles in Weekly Update: Weekly Update readers often remember seeing a past article or announcement that they would like to retrieve – but are unable to recall the date of the Weekly Update in which the article or announcement was published.

CMHA has now added a search feature to its website that allows the readers to search within past Weekly Update articles and announcements. This search feature can retrieve articles by key words in the title of the Weekly Update article/announcement. This feature also brings up any other resources, anywhere on the CMHA website, with that key word in their title – a useful feature given that sometimes the CMHA member or stakeholder is unclear as to the source of the information for which they are searching.

This Weekly Update search feature is accessed via the standard “search” box on the CMHA website: <https://cmham.org/> at the top right side of the website.

We hope you find this new feature useful in making the most of the information captured by the Weekly Update.

Note: To aid Weekly Update readers in finding the newest resources, those Weekly Update articles that are new are noted as “**New!**” in the table of contents and in the body of the document.

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CMH Association and Member Activities:

New! CMHA posts SAMHSA evidence-based practice resource newsletter on website

The Community Mental Health Association of Michigan was named the Michigan partner for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Great Lakes Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC). This collaborative partnership between CMHA and MHTTC ensures that our members, partners, and persons served have access to on-line resources, webinars, and face-to-face opportunities that address evidence-based practices for mental health disorders.

The Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, designed to spread knowledge and resources from years of research regarding evidence-based practices that help support mental health efforts in an effective way. MHTTC’s purpose, in partnership with CMHA, is to effectively disseminate education, training, and technical assistance resources to foster the use of evidence-based practices across the mental health field by creating a collaborative network of supports and allies.

In our role as the Michigan partner to the Great Lakes MHTTC, our association **regularly publishes two Michigan MHTTC newsletters**, one that aims at directing readers to resources for **mental and behavioral health practices**, and one for **school-based mental health resources**. The aim of these newsletters is to make accessing the MHTTC resources easier for practitioners and providers and to promote evidence-based interventions.

These newsletters are sent to CMHA members and stakeholders and also posted here on the MHTTC Newsletter page of the CMHA website.

New! Bear River Health at Walloon Lake announces sports impact luncheon



SAVE THE DATE

THE SPORTS IMPACT SERIES

A discussion with NFL Legend Herman Moore on how addiction affects us all.

SPORTS IMPACT LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020
11 AM TO 1 PM

BEAR RIVER HEALTH | **BRH**
at Walloon Lake
2594 SPRINGVALE RD. BOYNE FALLS, MI 49713
PRIVATE VIP RECEPTION
FRIDAY JANUARY 24TH 6 TO 8 PM



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Detroit Chapter

Recipient Rights Booklet: Annual Bulk Order & Personalization Available

The Mental Health Code states that CMHSPs are required to distribute “Your Rights When Receiving Mental Health Services in Michigan” booklet to each recipient receiving services.

Annual Bulk Purchase: The Community Mental Health Association of Michigan is offering the Rights booklet for sale. In order to obtain the lowest costs possible, we will be offering an annual bulk printing price of 43¢ per booklet. Orders must be received by November 22, 2019 to qualify for the discount. Any booklets ordered after November 22, will be charged 55¢ per booklet.

Personalization: You are able to personalize the back cover of the Rights booklet. **There is an additional charge of \$100 per order. Personalization is only offered during the fall – deadline is November 22, 2019.** The personalization area is: 4" wide x 2" tall; 1 color. You must submit camera ready artwork with this form or email the artwork in one of the following formats: Word, Publisher, Illustrator, Pagemaker or PDF to adaul@cmham.org.

Staple-less Booklets: There is also an option to order staple-less booklets.

Prices for Booklets:

Cost Per Booklet if Ordered by **November 22: 43¢ (Plus Shipping)**

Cost Per Booklet if Ordered After **November 22, 2019: 55¢ (Plus Shipping)**

Shipment: Payment is required prior to shipping. Shipments will take place within 30 days after payment has been received.

Order Booklets: To place your order, click here: [ORDER YOUR RIGHTS BOOKS HERE!](#)

CMHA Committee Schedules, Membership, Minutes, and Information

Visit our website at <https://www.cmham.org/committees>

News from Our Preferred Corporate Partners:

New! myStrength: new digital behavioral health resources empower consumers to move beyond trauma



Click at left for a video overview of the new Moving Beyond Trauma program

Trauma is incredibly common. Approximately 90% of U.S. adults have experienced at least one traumatic event in their lives, which can adversely affect emotional well-being and interfere with relationships, work and overall quality of life. Expanding on our diverse whole-person resources, Livongo for Behavioral Health by myStrength is pleased to announce new, digital tools to help individuals Move Beyond Trauma. Leveraging gold-standard, evidence-based approaches including cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and mindfulness, these web and mobile resources:
Address a wide range of trauma types from military deployment and assault, to natural disasters, accidents and other traumatic events

Empower individuals to manage discomfort and distress with actionable, in-the-moment coping skills to manage their daily symptoms

Normalize thoughts, feelings and experiences to help consumers understand that there is a way forward that has been proven to work for so many others

Complement Livongo's whole-person platform, which addresses chronic physical and behavioral health conditions including diabetes, stress, hypertension, and more

[Request a Demo](#)

Relias: build your staff's competence in recovery treatment

Training on substance use disorders, integrated care, peer support, and evidence-based treatment plans can help your staff achieve better outcomes, remain in compliance with regulations and standards, and improve the awareness and reputation of your behavioral health organization.

Relias provides training on substance use disorders, including the use of screening tools and risk assessments, prevention and treatment. Request a meeting to discuss how we can help your staff provide better care to those in recovery.

[Request a Meeting](#)

P.S. The substance use treatment profession is changing. Watch our recent webinar, The Substance Use Professional of the 2020s, to hear Aaron Williams from the National Council discuss how organizations can help their staff possess and apply the core competencies needed to care for those in recovery in the coming decade.

State and National Developments and Resources:

New! MSU School of Social Work announce youth mental health website

The Michigan State University School of Social Work recently announced the opening of its “Mental Health Information for Teens” website. The website is intended to deliver accurate, non-stigmatized mental health information for young teens (ages 11 through 15). The content was recommended by teens and largely created by MSU students.

This website can be found at [this link](#).

State Legislative Update:

New! BUDGET UPDATE: Still no agreement on outstanding issues

Mid last week the framework for a deal on a supplemental seemed in place. By Thursday morning, news began circulating the Senate Majority Leader had an issue with said deal and shortly thereafter, the Senate adjourned at Noon leaving many members in both chambers frustrated and disappointed with the latest fumble.

Last Tuesday, Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist II sent a letter to both House Speaker Lee Chatfield (R-Levering) and Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey (R-Clarklake) stating Governor Whitmer would agree to not execute State Administrative Board (SAB) transfers in a supplemental (that had been approved by all) and negotiating boilerplate language as the potential compromise all parties can support. The legislative leaders agreed boilerplate was a necessary compromise but additional statutory language via a stand-alone bill would be necessary. The Governor however, has been firm in refusing to neuter the powers of the Executive Office for herself or future governors.

In a rare deviation, the Speaker split from the Majority Leader and purportedly struck a deal with Governor Whitmer that did not include a statutory change to the SAB. It was upon this agreement that an estimated \$200 million supplemental began being drafted for potential consideration by both chambers on Thursday. The supplemental would include restoration of funding to critical functions of government. Senator Shirkey, however, abruptly called Senate session to a close after caucus meetings on Thursday, citing the need for statutory weight behind any SAB compromise. The House adjourned later in the afternoon officially dashing any hopes for a resolution this week.

The House did not hold votes this week, while Senate held two days of light action. The Legislature will be on hunting/Thanksgiving break the remainder of the month.

New! Governor Whitmer, Michigan Opioids Task Force announce efforts to combat opioid epidemic

Yesterday, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and other members of the Michigan Opioids Task Force announced a slate of steps the state is taking to combat the opioid epidemic. The state’s strategy addresses three key areas: preventing opioid misuse, ensuring individuals using opioids can access high-quality treatment and reducing the harm caused by opioids to individuals and their communities.

The state is announcing new actions in all three areas; the beginning of a multi-year blitz to cut opioid-related overdose deaths by half in five years.

- PREVENTION - \$1 million media campaign seeks to reduce stigma
- TREATMENT - Eliminating barriers by removing prior authorization for treatment medications
- MDOC expanding medication-assisted treatment in Michigan prisons
- HARM REDUCTION - Syringe Service Programs expand across Michigan

PREVENTION

To address the stigma associated with seeking opioid use disorder treatment, MDHHS is launching a \$1 million statewide campaign. Funded through State Opioid Response federal grant funds, the campaign focuses on changing the conversation about opioid use disorder treatment and encourages Michiganders to seek treatment to help improve their lives and ultimately prevent overdoses.

The campaign includes TV, radio, billboards, social media, paid search and mobile ads that will run through April 2020. The ads will direct people to Michigan.gov/Opioids, which will provide information about programs and resources available to Michigan residents from multiple state agencies.

With partners at the University of Michigan Injury Prevention Center, the state is also releasing a toolkit for medical providers on safer opioid prescribing practices. These comprehensive resources will help medical professionals make evidence-based decisions when prescribing opioids to decrease the risk of opioid misuse. The toolkit will be broadly shared with the Michigan medical community.

TREATMENT

To increase access to treatment for Medicaid recipients with opioid use disorders, MDHHS will remove prior authorization requirements for specific medications used to treat these disorders, including buprenorphine as of Monday, Dec. 2.

Prior authorization is a requirement that physicians must obtain approval from a patient's health care insurer before prescribing a specific medication for or to perform a particular operation. "Removing prior authorization for these medications in the Medicaid program eliminates an unnecessary barrier to treatment access for people who are struggling with an opioid use disorder," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health for MDHHS. "By eliminating this requirement, we will increase availability of treatment and increase their chances of a successful recovery."

Medication-assisted treatment, combined with counseling or behavioral therapy, is the gold standard for treating individuals with opioid use disorder, leading to significantly better outcomes.

MDOC

More than 20 percent of incarcerated individuals in Michigan have been identified as having an opioid use disorder, and those leaving prison are 40 to 120 times more likely to die of an overdose within two weeks of release. To help address this issue, the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) is beginning Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs in three facilities with a goal of expanding treatment to all its facilities by 2023.

Central Michigan Correctional Facility, Carson City Correctional Facility and Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center will be the first facilities to pilot medication-assisted treatment. The Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility will be added as a fourth site for the program, following the launch of the initial pilot. The facilities will offer methadone, buprenorphine and naltrexone as treatment regimens for individuals in prison.

HARM REDUCTION

To help reduce the amount of harm caused by opioid use disorder to individuals and their communities, MDHHS has expanded support for syringe service programs (SSP), which are now being offered by 25 agencies, up from 13 the previous year. This includes organizations in Detroit and Macomb, St. Clair, Genesee, Washtenaw, Ingham, Jackson, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Ionia, Kent, Muskegon, Grand Traverse, Chippewa and Marquette counties, and several other counties. A full list is available at Michigan.gov/SSP.

MDHHS data highlights the impact the opioid epidemic has had on infectious disease transmission and demonstrates the need for SSP expansion. New diagnoses of hepatitis C (HCV) among adults less than 40 years old increased from 292 in 2000 to 3,774 in 2018, following similar patterns in accidental drug overdoses in the state. Where data was collected on HCV diagnoses among adults less than 40 years old in 2018, more than 80 percent self-reported a history of injecting drugs.

SSPs also offer referrals to substance use disorder treatment, distribution of the overdose reversal drug naloxone, collection of sharps disposal containers, providing sterile syringes, HCV and HIV testing and treatment, hepatitis A and B vaccinations.

Federal Update:

New! House Bill Would Increase Provider Education for MAT

The Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act (H.R. 4974) would standardize substance use disorder (SUD) training for providers that prescribe Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) scheduled medications, such as those used in medication-assisted treatment (MAT). The bipartisan bill, introduced in the House last week, would help to increase access to high-quality care for individuals living with addiction. The National Council thanks Representatives Lori Trahan (D-MA), **Jack Bergman (R-MI)**, Buddy Carter (R-GA), David Trone (D-MD), Harold Rogers (R-KY), and Ann Kuster (D-NH) for their leadership on this issue.

The MATE Act includes provisions to strengthen prescriber training, including the following:

- Create a one-time requirement for all DEA licensed scheduled medication prescribers to complete training on treating and managing patients with opioid and other SUDs, unless the prescriber is otherwise qualified.
- Allow accredited medical schools and residency programs, physician assistant schools, and schools of advanced practice nursing to fulfill the training requirement through comprehensive curriculum that meets the standards laid out in statute, without having to coordinate the development of their education with an outside medical society or state licensing body.

- Normalize addiction medicine education across certain professional schools and phase out the need for these future practitioners to take a separate, federally mandated addiction course.
- Satisfy the DATA 2000 X-waiver training requirement to prescribe addiction medications as long as a separate DATA 2000 X-waiver is required by law.

Education Opportunities:

Registration is Now Open for the 2019 Winter Improving Outcomes Conference

Community Mental Health Association of Michigan presents the 2019 Winter Improving Outcomes Conference on December 5 & 6, 2019 at the Somerset Inn located at 2601 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084.

[TO REGISTER FOR THE IMPROVING OUTCOMES CONFERENCE, CLICK HERE!](#)

The conference registration fee includes training materials, admission to all keynote sessions, all workshops, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, all breaks, and networking reception.

	Member Early Bird	Member After 11/21/19	Non-Member Early Bird	Non-Member After 11/21/19
Full Conference	\$247	\$282	\$297	\$313
1-Day Only	\$197	\$237	\$239	\$280

Payment Information:

- Payment will be required prior to attendance.
- If Paying by Check: Make payable to CMHA and mail to 426 S. Walnut Street, Lansing, MI 48933.
- Payment methods available in advance and onsite: credit card, check or exact cash.
- If payment has not been received, fees will be collected at registration the day of the event unless alternate arrangements are pre-approved by CMHA.
- Purchase Orders are not considered payment.
- No Shows will be billed the full amount.

Cancellation Policy: Substitutions are permitted at any time. No-shows will be billed at the full training rate. Cancellations must be received in writing to cward@cmham.org at least 10 business days prior to the conference for a full refund less a \$25 administrative fee. If cancellation is received less than 10 business days prior to the training, no refund will be given.

Hotel Room Types:

Tower Room: Featuring one Queen bed or two double beds; rooms are in the Tower section on floors 3-14.

Executive Room: Available with a King bed, a King bed and a sofa bed or two Queens. All Executive rooms were renovated in 2017 and feature spacious floor plans with brand-new furnishings and views of the outdoor garden patio.

Room Rates: Rates below do not include 6% state tax, and city assessment fees.

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Tower Room	\$124
Executive Room	\$154

Deadline for Reduced Rate: November 21, 2019

Reservations:

Call 248-643-7800 and indicate Community Mental Health Association of Michigan to receive the discounted rate.

Or register online here: www.somersetinn.com

- In the upper right side of the site: Select your dates and Click on Check Rates
- Then click on the drop-down box for Add Code.
- Then click on Discount Code.
- Then select Group Attendee.
- In the box below Group Attendee enter Group Code 5525.
- Then select ADD.
- It will bring up the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan Room Block.
- Select & Go to the next `.
- All Dates will appear blacked out except the conference dates.
- Select the actual dates you will be attending the conference.
- Update dates of stay.
- At this point you will be able to select the room type and continue making your reservation.

Cancellation Deadline: You must cancel by 6pm the day of your arrival or you will be billed for 1 night's stay.

Check in: 2:00pm

Check out: 12:00pm

2019 Annual Home and Community Based Waiver Conference

The Annual Home and Community Based Waiver Conference will be held November 19 & 20, 2019 at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center located at 55 South Harrison Road, East Lansing 48823.

This conference will provide technical assistance and training on the implementation and maintenance of the Children's Waiver Program (CWP) and the Habilitation Supports Waiver (HSW), clinical issues, and administrative functions relevant to these waivers. Additionally, this conference will provide training in ASD, evidence-based services, highlight programs across the state, and provide technical assistance on implementation of the Medicaid/MiChild Autism Benefit.



Registration for the Annual Home and Community Based Waiver Conference is currently at capacity. To be placed on a wait list, please email awilson@cmham.org

New Dates: Ethics for Social Work & Substance Use Disorder Professionals & Psychologists Trainings

Community Mental Health Association of Michigan is pleased to offer Ethics for Social Work & Substance Use Disorder Professionals & Psychologists Trainings presented by Tom Moore, LMSW, LLP, CCS, Owner and Principal, Two Moons, LLC.

This training fulfills the Michigan Social Work Licensing Board's requirement for licensure renewal for ethics.

This training fulfills the MCBAP approved treatment ethics code education – specific.

This training fulfills the MPA requirements for psychologists.

Trainings offered on the following dates:

March 18, 2020 – Lansing | [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register now

April 15, 2020 – Kalamazoo | [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register now

April 22, 2020 – Detroit | [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register now

Training Fees: (fee includes training material, coffee, lunch and refreshments)

\$115 CMHA Members

\$138 Non-Members

Pain Management and Mindfulness Trainings

Community Mental Health Association of Michigan is pleased to offer Pain Management Trainings presented by Tom Moore, LMSW, LLP, CCS, Owner and Principal, Two Moons, LLC.

This course qualifies for 2 CEs and fulfills the Michigan Social Work Licensing Board's requirement for licensure renewal for pain management.

Mindfulness is recognized as a component of DBT, however it has now been expanded into Mindfulness Based Stress Response, Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy, and Mindfulness Based Relapse Prevention. Mindfulness proves an effective intervention with any type of impulse control issues. In addition, research proves Mindfulness as an important strategy with chronic pain. Participants attending this training should expect an overview of mindfulness applications in regard to pain management; realizing the relationship between nociceptive, neuropathic, and affective pain; and understanding the benefits of Mindfulness regarding chronic pain management and being able to determine appropriate candidates for Mindfulness. This two-hour training WILL NOT provide a level of competency in Mindfulness interventions within clinical sessions.

Trainings offered on the following dates:

March 17, 2020, 2:00pm-4:00pm – Lansing | [CLICK HERE](#) for more information & to register

April 23, 2020, 9:00am-11:00am – Detroit | [CLICK HERE](#) for more information & to register

Training Fees: (fee includes training material)

\$39 CMHA Members

\$47 Non-Members

New! SAMHSA webinar - Center of Excellence launch: resources for enhancing integrated care

Whether you're just getting started integrating primary and behavioral health care, or well into providing whole-person care, the new Center of Excellence for Integrated Health Solutions is here to support you. The Center is funded by a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to advance the implementation of high-quality, evidence-based treatment for individuals with co-occurring physical and mental health conditions, including substance use disorders. Come learn how you can access the many tools and resources.

Wednesday, November 20, 2 – 3 p.m. ET

Register at this link

New! Michigan Partners in Crisis (PIC) announce annual winter conference

Michigan Partners in Crisis recently announced their upcoming winter conference:

Dec. 13, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Community Mental Health Association

426 S. Walnut, Lansing

Registration: 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. | Program: 9:15 a.m. to Noon

Agenda

I. Progress on PIC's 2019 Initiatives

Presenter: Mark Reinstein, PIC Advisory Board Member

II. A Mother's Struggles Dealing with Michigan's Mental Health System

Presenter: Jenny Thomas, Lansing

III. Findings of Recent ALTARUM Study on Behavioral Disorder Prevalence & Unmet Need in Michigan

Presenters from ALTARUM: Emily Ehrlich, Center for Behavioral Health, & Ani Turner, Center for Value in Health Care

To register for this event contact Greg Boyd at ghb1@acd.net

New! CMS announces practice-based resources

The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently announced a set of webinars focused on a range of topics central to the work of CMHA members. Those webinars are described, below.

Innovative Services in Home and Community-Based Services

The objective of this training is to highlight recently approved services that promise innovation within Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) including services related to technology, supporting families/caregivers, services to ensure successful community transitions, and others. New Editions Consulting, Inc. is currently the training lead through the HCBS Technical Assistance Contract overseen by the Division of Long Term Services & Supports (DLTSS). Mary Sowers, consultant to New Editions Consulting, Inc. will present the training and Ralph Lollar, DLTSS Division Director, and the DLTSS Team will support the training and lead the Q&A Session.

December 17, 2019: 3:00pm – 4:30pm EST
Register Now.

Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program Technical Assistance Opportunities

The Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) is announcing upcoming technical assistance opportunities for Medicaid agencies. These opportunities are listed below in order of release, with additional information below.

- Data Analytics to Better Understand Medicaid Populations with Serious Mental Illness: November 19, 2019
- Value-Based Payment for Fee-for-Service Home and Community-Based Services: November 21, 2019
- Value-Based Payment and Financial Simulations - General Technical Assistance: December 12, 2019
- Reducing Substance Use Disorders, including two opportunities on Data Dashboards and Medication Assisted Treatment: December 17, 2019
- Data Analytics – General Technical Assistance: January 2020
- Data Analytics to Better Understand Medicaid Populations with SMI Informational Webinar
- The Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) is launching an eight-month data analytics technical assistance opportunity for Medicaid agencies interested in learning how to use data to gain insight into their adult Medicaid populations with Serious Mental Illness (SMI). We invite you to join us for an informational webinar to learn more about this opportunity on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm EST.

IAP will provide Medicaid agencies with technical assistance in executing state-specific analyses, using data analytic best practices to leverage Medicaid claims and encounters data, as well as other types of internal/external data to increase their understanding of the Medicaid population with SMI. Participating states will produce data profiles of the adult Medicaid SMI population that can then be used as the basis for policy making, stakeholder engagement, and data-informed delivery system reforms.

This technical assistance opportunity is open to states at all levels of experience in analyzing data. Additional information, including the Program Overview, Expression of Interest form, and Informational Session slides will be posted on the IAP webpage the day of the informational session.
Register Now.

Value-Based Payment for Fee-for-Service Home and Community-Based Services Informational Webinar

The Medicaid IAP's Community Integration through Long-Term Services and Supports (CI-LTSS) Program Area is launching a seven-month technical assistance opportunity for Medicaid agencies and their team partners seeking to design Value-Based Payment (VBP) strategies for Fee-for-Services (FFS) in Home and Community-based Services (HCBS). We invite you to join us for an informational webinar to learn more about this opportunity on Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm EST.

During the informational webinar, participants will learn about the goals, structure, and technical support approach for working with states on VBP for FFS HCBS. Selected states will have the opportunity to work with HCBS industry experts through their individualized technical support and state-to-state learning activities including shared savings and non-financial incentives.

This technical support opportunity is open to states at all levels of experience and progress in developing a VBP strategy for FFS in HCBS. States that have previously participated in the Medicaid IAP CI-LTSS tracks are welcome to submit an expression of interest for this technical assistance opportunity. Additional information, including the Program Overview, Expression of Interest form, and Informational Session slides will be posted on the IAP webpage the day of the informational session.
Register Now.

Value-Based Payment and Financial Simulations Information Session

The Medicaid IAP's Value-Based Payment (VBP) and Financial Simulation functional area is launching a six-month technical assistance opportunity for Medicaid agencies seeking to design, develop, and implement Value-Based Payment approaches (i.e. payment models that range from rewarding for performance in Fee-for-Service to capitation, including alternative payment models and comprehensive population-based payments). Interested states are encouraged to attend the information session on Thursday, December 12, 2019 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm EST.

During the information session, participants will learn about the goals, structure, and technical assistance approach for working with states on VBP and financial simulations. Selected states will have the opportunity to work with VBP and financial simulation experts through individualized technical assistance and state-to-state learning activities. This technical assistance opportunity is open to states at all levels of experience and progress in developing a VBP approach. Additional information, including the Program Overview, Expression of Interest form, and webinar slides will be posted on the IAP webpage on the day of the webinar.
Register Now.

Reducing Substance Use Disorders Information Session

The Medicaid IAP Reducing Substance Use Disorders (SUD) program area is launching two new technical assistance opportunities for Medicaid agencies. All interested states are encouraged to attend an information session on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm EST.

During the information session, states will learn about the two technical assistance opportunities and state selection process and have an opportunity to ask questions. These collaborative learning opportunities are:

- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT): Participating states will focus on methods to improve and expand MAT delivery services.
- SUD Data Dashboards: Participating states will design and/or update SUD data dashboards for internal and/or external audiences.

These opportunities are open to states at all levels of expertise and experience. Additional information, including the Program Overview, Expression of Interest form, and webinar slides will be posted on the IAP webpage on the day of the webinar.
Register Now.

Miscellaneous News and Information:

New! MARO is now Incompass Michigan

Please see blurb below from MARO, now Incompass Michigan, regarding their recent name change.

We are excited to share with you that MARO, a statewide network of comprehensive human service providers, is now Incompass Michigan.

The Association celebrated its 45th anniversary this year, while launching a new phase in our strategic plan to better represent the diverse members we serve, and emphasize a shared passion for independence and inclusion for all.



We have grown and evolved over time to represent a diverse membership of mission-driven organizations. Our members serve individuals and families with a broad range of barriers, and provide a wide array of supports and services, taking a wraparound approach. This, in turn, leads to the association taking an increasingly holistic approach to how we serve our members.

The new name is an invented word that incorporates several key elements of our mission and core values: independence, inclusion, community, compassion — and the imagery of the compass, noting “true north,” and leading change and innovation reflective of our members. The association serves as a navigator, helping to guide our members by connecting them with resources that will support their journey to the future of quality, comprehensive human services.

The purpose of this new brand is to strengthen our collective resolve to positively impact communities statewide. Our name has changed; our commitment to our members, to valued partnerships, and to quality and customer service, remains the same. We look forward to embracing this next chapter and thank you for your continued support.

[Click here to watch a short video about the new name](#) and see the attached press release for further details.

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CMH Association's Officers and Staff Contact Information:

CMHA Officers Contact Information:

The Officers of the CMH Association of Michigan recently proposed, in their commitment to fostering dialogue among the members of the Association with the Association's leaders, that their contact information be shared with the Association membership. While this dialogue will not take the place of the regular dialogue and decision making that occurs during the meetings of the Association's Executive Board, Steering Committee, Provider Alliance, Association Committees, Directors Forum, PIHP CEOs meeting, nor any of the great number of Association-sponsored and supported dialogue venues, the Officers want to ensure that the members of the Association can reach them to discuss issues of interest to the Association's members. The contact information for the officers is provided below:

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