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To: Provider Network

From: Eric Doeh, Interim CEO; and Stacie Durant, CFO

Cc: Dhannetta Brown, Deputy CFO; Melissa Moody, CCO; Manny Singla, CIO

Re: March 1 through September 30, 2021 - \$2.25/hr. DCW COVID-19 Premium Pay Instructions

In accordance with Public Act 2 of 2021, the COVID 19 hazard pay will continue from **March 1 through September 30, 2021** for the same service codes for face-to-face services only, including on-site clinic-based settings, however the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has included H2023 Supported Employment (not evidenced based) in the approved codes for the aforementioned effected dates of service. Note that telehealth **is not eligible for premium pay.**

In addition, the DCW hazard pay rate has increased to \$2.25/hr. and providers will receive 12% or \$.27/hr. to cover administrative costs. Consistent with the prior guidance, the premium pay must be paid in addition to the wage the direct care worker earned prior to March 31, 2020 and recorded separately from base pay on the paystub. For new direct care workers that began employment after March 30, 2020, the \$2.25/hr. would be in addition to their base wage.

In order to ensure timely payment, DWIHN will process payment for claims billed for the two months January 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021 if received in MHWIN by April 2, 2021. Further communication will be shared with the network on a specific date of payment. However, any claims submitted subsequent to April 2, 2021, will be processed in a final "sweep" in early June 2021.

In regards to Substance Use Disorder providers that completed the template for the first DCW increase, DWIHN will utilize the same rates developed in the prior payment. Therefore, you **do not** need to submit a template unless the hours have changed significantly from the prior fiscal year.

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DWIHN will issue claims submission and payment guidelines on a quarterly basis, however given the change in rate and inclusion of an additional code (H2023), DWIHN will issue March 2021 hazard pay with the 3rd quarter ending June 30, 2021. Further communication will be shared with the network in July 2021.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.