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To: DWIHN Peer Support Providers

From: Eric Doeh, President and CEO

cc: Stacie Durant CFO, Melissa Moody CCO and Manny Singla COO

Re: \$2.00/hr. Peer Rate Increase – Q&A

In February 2023, Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) announced effective October 1, 2022 rates for H0038 and H0046 would be increased by \$2.24/hr. for Peer support services. Providers were given the ability to opt out of the rate increase. Subsequently, in the effort to determine whether they would opt out or not, DWIHN received a number of questions. Below are the specific questions and responses.

1. Youth Peer Support Specialists also provide services, under H0038, with a modifier. Is it DWIHN's interpretation that this is included?
 - **Yes, DWIHN included Youth Peer Support Specialist services in the rate increase, which is reported as H0038-WT per the MDHHS Code Chart.**
2. The Parent Support Partner providing services to Children/Families falls under the same code as the Peer workforce, but it is not specifically addressed in the memorandum. Is it the intention of DWIHN to also include an adjustment for Parent Support Partners (S5111)?
 - **Yes. DWIHN will add the Peer Services rate increase to S5111-WP for "Trained Parent Support Partner". We anticipate having this fee schedule rate update deployed by April 1st, with an effective date retro-active to October 1st, 2022.**
3. As for Clubhouse programs, the Peer Support Specialists do not bill separately for their services but instead under H2030. Will DWIHN adjust the rate for Clubhouse to reflect the increase there?

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- No. The MDHHS Code Chart requires that Clubhouse services are reported as H2030, and the qualified provider is a clubhouse director with a minimum of a bachelor's degree and requisite experience. The MDHHS Code Chart does not indicate any Peer Services codes nor modifiers nor Peer provider qualifications for Clubhouse services. Given the lack of reporting mechanisms for Peer services at Clubhouses, DWIHN decided to not increase the rate for Clubhouse services (H2030) as part of the recent Peer Services rate increase. However, it should be noted that the Clubhouse code received a cumulative 20% increase effective October 1, 2022.
4. The Peer Support Specialists in the Employment program bill the employment code with a peer modifier and do not bill under H0038. Will DWIHN adjust the rate for this code with the modifier to reflect the increase?
- No. The MDHHS Code Chart requires that Supported Employment services are reported as H2023 and the qualified staff have a Bachelor's degree. Transportation services provided as part of Supported Employment may be provided by DSP staff who have Less than a Bachelor's degree. The MDHHS Code Chart does not indicate any Peer Services codes nor modifiers nor Peer provider qualifications for Supported Employment. If persons who are Certified Peers are providing transportation services as part of Supported Employment, they should bill with code and modifier H2023-HM. The H2023-HM code and modifier received the DCW Hazard Pay increase plus an additional one dollar per hour increase, totaling \$3.76/hour. It should be noted that the DCW hazard rate increase is more than the Peer Services increase of \$2.24/hour.
5. There seems to be an increase paid to Peers, but the reimbursement is only for billed services. Any further clarification from DWIHN on this issue would also be helpful.
- DWIHN expects the provider to remit the funds received for billed services. It is not our expectation for providers to experience any hardship with the rate increase.

Please feel free to contact us if you require additional information.

Thank you.