

March 2, 2026

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Dear Interested Party:

RE: Section 1915(b) and 1915(c) MI Choice Waiver Amendment Applications

This letter is to notify MI Choice waiver agencies that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) intends to submit a waiver amendment request for the MI Choice Waiver program to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to add a structured family caregiving service as a new service in the MI Choice waiver program. In Michigan, this program is called Coordinated Caregiving, which provides a MI Choice waiver participant with the opportunity to receive personal care and other caregiving supports from a trusted live-in caregiver. The goal of the service is to provide coaching, training, and support to the live-in caregiver who delivers personal care, supervision, and daily support to the participant, based on the participant's assessed needs. The state plans to require at least 70 percent of the daily rate go to a stipend paid to the live-in caregiver. The proposed daily rate is no less than \$80.80/day.

This waiver amendment also includes:

- Change to allow surveillance cameras in common areas of Adult Foster Care, Homes for Aged, and unlicensed assisted living settings.
- The addition of Dietician as a provider type for the Training service.
- Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) update: Adjustment of language to reflect that EVV is now operational and required in policy.
- Change in the Private Duty Nursing/Respiratory Care service to match the language of that service in the MI Choice chapter of the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual.
- Change the maximum number of individuals served to 14,000 at any point in time.
- Change to allow legal guardians, relatives, and legally responsible individuals to be paid for Community Transportation. This aligns with the Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation policy.

The anticipated effective date for these changes to the MI Choice waiver is July 1, 2026.

A copy of the proposed waiver amendment application will also be available for review at <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/medicaid/portalhome/medicaid-providers/programs/mi-choice-waiver-program>.

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There is no public meeting scheduled regarding this notice.

Any comments regarding the MI Choice waiver amendment covered by this notice may be submitted by e-mail to mdhhs-michoice@michigan.gov or can be sent to MDHHS / Health Services, Policy Integration and Evaluation Division, PO Box 30479, Lansing MI 48909-7979.

All comments should include "MI Choice Waiver Amendments 2026" in the subject line.

To request a paper version to provide public comment for the MI Choice waiver amendment, commenters can call 517-241-7882.

Please provide all comments by April 1, 2026.

An electronic copy of this document is available at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Policy, Letters & Forms.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meghan E. Groen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meghan E. Groen, Chief Deputy Director
Health Services