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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 26, 2016
TO: MCPN CEOs and CFOs
FROM: Ron Hocking, Deputy CFO
SUBJECT: Self-Determination and MI Health Link

DWMHA's Procedure Code Work Group (PCWG) received a question regarding payment responsibility to Fiscal Intermediaries providing and purchasing services for individuals in our care who are self-determined. The PCWG has reviewed the issue regarding whether DWMHA or the MCPNs should pay claims for "Independent Facilitation" (H0032) and "Service Broker" (T1016) services for individuals enrolled in MI Health Link and who utilize a self-determination arrangement. Our findings are summarized below.

When DWMHA developed the services list for the MI Health Link pilot project (MHL), we decided to leave all self-determination-related services with the MCPNs. We made sure to provide sufficient funding to the MCPNs for fiscal intermediary services and other services particular to self-determination. We did not intend for the new MHL pilot project to alter any self-determination arrangements. Thus, DWMHA did not enter into MI Health Link contracts with any Fiscal Intermediaries. Unfortunately, the various documents we produced describing the MHL benefits and services did not make this clear for the self-determination services in question.

So to clarify, for individuals enrolled in MI Health Link and who utilize a self-determination arrangement, the MCPN should pay for Fiscal Intermediary services (T2025), Independent Facilitation at the request and approval of the member (reported as H0032), and Supports Broker services (reported as T1016, for those members on the Habilitation Supports Waiver, please include the HK modifier, T1016 HK). We regret that we did not initially communicate this more clearly to the MCPNs, to the provider network and to our staff at DWMHA.

We ask the MCPNs and their provider network to work cooperatively with DWMHA to correct this misunderstanding. We ask the MCPNs to promptly pay any unpaid claims for the services listed above. We ask the providers for their patience and understanding while we work with the MCPNs to perfect the MI Health Link pilot project. Thank you all in advance for your cooperation.

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