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Memo

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Date: July 15, 2016

Re: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Requirements

This memorandum is to serve as an update on requirements pertaining to the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) and the extension of State Plan services, as deemed medically necessary, up to age 21.

The intent of EPSDT is to provide necessary health care, diagnostic services, treatment, and other measures to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions whether or not such services are covered under the state plan. State Medicaid programs are required to provide for any services that are included within the mandatory and optional services that are determined to be medically necessary for children under 21 years of age. EPSDT visits cover any medically necessary screening and preventive support services for children. EPSDT visits are to be performed in accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) periodicity schedule, its components, and medical guidelines.

In the current MH-WIN system, children and youth identified with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) who received services up to age 18 are automatically switched to a designation of Serious Mental Illness (SMI) upon their 18th birthday. For youth ages 18-21 that

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meet EPSDT and medical necessity guidelines, to continue services under the SED umbrella, the following process should be followed:

- MH-WIN will automatically change 18 year old client Disability Designation to SMI
- Contract Provider requests Disability Designation Reassignment by informing Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority Designees (Monica Hampton (mhampton@dwmha.com) and Deirdre King (dking@iamtgc.net) of client's name and DOB
- Disability Designation Reassignment will occur within 2 business days of request
- The Disability Designation will remain SED until:
 - Contract Provider notifies DWMHA Designees that the client is no longer eligible for EPSDT services and needs a Disability Designation Reassignment to SMI
 - Client turns 21, and MH-WIN automatically completes the Disability Designation Reassignment to SMI

The described process extends a client's SED designation until they turn 21, or until the designation is no longer medically necessary, whichever comes first. During this time, all assessment and reporting requirements for children and youth with SED should be met (such as use of the CAFAS for ongoing functionality assessment).

This change will take effect immediately. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at cpalmer@dwmha.com or 313-344-0699. Thank you.