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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2018

TO: Executive Directors of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs)
Executive Directors of Community Mental Health Service Programs (CMHSPs)
Chief Financial Officers of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs)
Chief Financial Officers of Community Mental Health Service Programs (CMHSPs)

FROM: Jeffery L Wieferrich M.A., LLP 
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SUBJECT: Inclusion of Physician Assistants to Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) as a provider of psychiatric services to ACT teams and ACT consumers effective October 1, 2018

The ACT 'team composition and size' section of the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual is being revised to allow physician assistants to provide psychiatric coverage to ACT teams and consumers.

Physician assistants may provide psychiatric services to ACT teams and consumers beginning October 1, 2018. Physician assistants may provide the psychiatric services required to maintain fidelity to the ACT model, which minimally includes, a dedicated physician assistant time allocation equating to 15 minutes per consumer per week to provide psychiatric service activities. This allows for immediate access to the physician assistant so that emergency, urgent or emergent situations may be addressed. Typically, although not exclusively, activities may include team meetings, beneficiary appointments during regular office hours, psychiatric evaluations, psychiatric meetings/consultations, medication reviews, home visits, telephone consultations, and telepractice.

A physician assistant may perform clinical tasks under the terms of a practice agreement with a participating physician. The physician assistant must hold a current physician assistant license and a controlled substance license in Michigan.

Questions or concerns regarding ACT service provision should be directed to Alyson Rush via telephone at 517-335-0250 or via email at RushA@michigan.gov.

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