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TO: Executive Directors of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans and
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The Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Welfare Medical Unit is committed to ensuring the highest quality health care for children and families served by the foster care system. As part of this ongoing effort to provide supports to the individuals and teams serving the health needs of children in foster care, the Child Welfare Medical Unit is announcing an expansion of resources for psychotropic medication oversight, review and consultation.

A dedicated ***Foster Care Psychotropic Medication Oversight Unit*** (FC-PMOU) was established via the ongoing partnership between the DHS Child Welfare Medical Unit and the Department of Community Health (DCH) Medical Services Administration. The FC-PMOU is comprised of members from both Departments, including DHS Child Welfare Medical Unit, DCH Pharmacy Division, DCH Office of Medical Affairs, and DCH Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration.

The FC-PMOU is scheduled for full implementation September 1, 2014. The unit's activities will continue to include monitoring of psychotropic prescription claim trends, informed consent (DHS-1643) documentation and policy compliance and providing specific feedback to prescribing physicians and other team members based on the physician reviews and prescription quality indicators. Physician reviews focus on quality indicators including prescribing multiple medications and/or duplicate therapeutic regimens, medication dosing outside of typical guidelines, and use of medications in very young children. The child psychiatrists conducting reviews and physician follow-ups, when appropriate, are:

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On the horizon, the FC-PMOU team will develop strategies to improve information sharing and communication between medical providers, foster care personnel and families (birth/foster) at the local and regional levels. These strategies will include increasing access to written resource materials to aid treatment teams, e.g. statistics on psychotropic medication use at the state level compared to national trends, access to new evidence-based psychotherapeutic or psychosocial interventions, and links to resources from other organizations.

Thank you for your continued care of the children and families served by Michigan's foster care system. For questions please contact us at PsychotropicMedicationInformedConsent@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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