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August [X], 2018

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RE: Proposed Medicaid Provider Eligibility Criteria (1635-PE)

To Whom It May Concern:

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has proposed Medicaid provider eligibility criteria that will needlessly cost hundreds of people their jobs — and exclude thousands more from working in the health care field — solely because they have a criminal record (*see* 1635-PE).

This is bad public policy that will not only undermine economic and talent development in Michigan, but will also make it harder for people with criminal records to find jobs, which will make our communities less prosperous and less safe. Even worse, this proposed policy goes far beyond what the federal Medicaid program requires, and does so without any evidence that it will better protect Medicaid funds or beneficiaries than the existing regulatory scheme.

Given the clear negative consequences of this proposed policy, and the lack of evidence it will have any positive impact, [I/WE] ask that you rescind this proposed policy immediately. There is no need to deviate from the provider eligibility criteria that the federal government has already established, (*see* 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7), and [I/WE] suggest that MDHHS use the federal Medicaid rules as a model for its own provider eligibility criteria.

Sincerely yours,

[Insert first and last name]

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