

## NorthCare Network Directive

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<b>Title:</b> Collaborative Agency/MHP Contract Language	<b>Functional Area(s):</b> Compliance	<b>Section(s):</b> Provider Network Monitoring
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### PURPOSE

To ensure compliance with MDCH Contract (Part 2: Statement of Work) and Site Review Protocols (D.6.1, D.6.2, D.6.3), which requires that the PIHP coordinate and collaborate with community collaborative, other local human services agencies, and the Medicaid Health Plan.

### SUMMARY

Because coordination with community collaboratives, local human services agencies, and the Medicaid Health Plan is delegated to each CMHSP, it is important to ensure that agreements include language to identify the role of the PIHP.

### DEFINITION(S)

- Community Collaboratives include, but not limited to, Multipurpose Collaborative Bodies, Strong Families/Safe Children, etc.
- Local Human Services Agencies include, but not limited to, DHS, Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency, Commissions on Aging, nursing homes, school systems, MRS, etc.
- Medicaid Health Plan is the Upper Peninsula Health Plan

### DIRECTIVE(S)

1. Each CMHSP is to have current collaborative agreements with local Community Collaboratives, local Human Services Agencies, and the Medicaid Health Plan.
2. Each collaborative agreement must include the following language that identifies the PIHP's role in delegating and monitoring coordination of care efforts.
3. For existing contracts a letter with the following language is to be sent to each agency. As contracts are renewed, this language is to be inserted in the beginning of each contract.

“NorthCare Network is the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) for Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Marquette, Mackinac, Menominee, Ontonagon, and Schoolcraft Counties. NorthCare Network is one of eighteen PIHPs that contract with the Michigan Department of Community Health to manage the Medicaid Specialty Services and Supports contract and the ABW contract (Adults Benefit Waiver) which provide Medicaid funding for services and supports for eligible adults with Severe Mental Illness, children and adolescents with Serious Emotional disturbance and persons with Developmental Disabilities.

As affiliate members of the NorthCare Network, Copper Country Community Mental Health (CMH), Gogebic CMH, Hiawatha Behavioral Health, Northpointe Behavioral Healthcare Systems, and Pathways CMH provide and/or ensure provision of specialty Medicaid mental health services and supports across the Upper Peninsula. Each affiliate CMHSP member has been delegated the responsibility of coordinating care for consumers with all appropriate entities as authorized.

NorthCare Network Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency (CA) manages the specialty Medicaid Substance Abuse benefit in the fifteen county region for eligible consumers.

The parties are entering into this Agreement with the goal of maximizing the effective service delivery to Medicaid recipients who are served by both organizations (and monitored by NorthCare) through effective coordination of care. Neither party may obligate the other party to pay or reimburse it for any service provided in connection with this Agreement.”

#### **METHOD OF MONITORING**

NorthCare Site Reviews

#### **REFERENCE(S)**

MDCH/PIHP Master Contract, Part 2 Statement of Work  
MDCH Site review Protocols, Sections D.6.1, D.6.2, D.6.3)