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MDHHS submits interim 298 report, requests models and benchmarks for next phase

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) today submitted the interim report for the Section 298 Initiative to the Michigan Legislature and released a call for models and benchmarks for the next phase of the initiative.

The Section 298 Initiative is a statewide effort to improve the coordination of physical health services and behavioral health services. The interim report submitted today reflects the discussions of the 298 Facilitation Workgroup and contains a series of policy recommendations for the Michigan Legislature on improving the coordination of physical health and behavioral health services.

The MDHHS and the 298 Facilitation Workgroup also launched the next phase on the Section 298 Initiative today. The next phase of the initiative focuses on the development of recommendations on models and benchmarks for implementation.

As part of the next phase of the initiative, interested stakeholders can submit potential models for consideration by the 298 Facilitation Workgroup. MDHHS will accept model proposals submitted to MDHHS-298@michigan.gov using a standardized template from January 13, 2017 to February 3, 2017 at 5 p.m. The model proposal template can be found on the Section 298 Initiative website at www.michigan.gov/stakeholder298.

The model proposal process is not a request for proposal which will result in a direct contract or other formal engagement of the submitter. Instead, this process is a request for information which will contribute to the development of the Section 298 Final Report for the Michigan Legislature to be submitted in March.

For more information about the interim report and the model proposal process, visit www.michigan.gov/stakeholder298 or send an email to MDHHS-298@michigan.gov.

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