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TO: MCCMH Directly Operated Providers

FROM: Carmen R. Serpa, MD
MCCMH Chief Medical Officer

RE: Marijuana Prescribing Practices

DATE: September 21, 2022

In 2018, the enactment of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act legalized the use of marijuana in the State of Michigan. Nevertheless, the MCCMH Office of the Chief Medical Officer does not endorse the active prescribing of cannabis among its direct clinic prescribers.

As a Community Mental Health Organization, MCCMH receives federal funding. Under federal law, the production, distribution, and possession of marijuana for medical or recreational purposes remains prohibited. It is important that MCCMH persons served are made aware of this limitation when exploring their treatment options.

We encourage our prescribers to have open dialogue with their patients on these matters to help educate them, weigh the risks and benefits, and discuss appropriate options. If the person served chooses marijuana as a treatment option, we recommend open and honest communication and suggest further exploration of that choice in a safe medical setting outside of MCCMH's direct network.



Respectfully,

Dr. Carmen Serpa
MCCMH Chief Medical Officer

CC: Director of Behavioral Community Services

