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MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Directors of Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP) and Executive Directors of Community Mental Health Service Programs (CMHSP)

From: Brenda Stoneburner, Section Manager 

Date: October 16, 2025

RE: Peer Continuing Education and Upcoming Interactive Peer Database

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) requires Certified Peer Support Specialists (CPSS) and Certified Peer Recovery Coaches (CPRC) who have received state of Michigan certification to complete 32 hours of Continuing Education (CE) credits every two years to maintain their certifications.

The CE requirements were established in February of 2023. As one of the few states not requiring continuing education, Michigan has moved forward in supporting the need for certified peers to have updated skills necessary to provide quality services that are best, promising and evidence-based practices. The CPRCs and CPSSs with up-to-date contact information received a letter from MDHHS in December of 2022 outlining the requirements to keep their recertification in good standing. In addition, throughout 2022 information on the requirement was provided at bi-monthly liaison meetings, peer trainings, certification classes, peer work and home email addresses and the annual peer conferences.

To assist with the process, a CE email address was established in 2023 for questions and technical assistance. The [MiPeers](#) website also contains all the requirements to receive approval to use a training for the recertification process, offer a training as an approved provider of peer CEs, and submit required documents at [Continuing Education Approval – MiPeers](#). At least twice a month, virtual CE drop-in sessions are offered for peers, supervisors, and agency staff to receive ongoing information and technical assistance. During this two-year period, CPSSs and CPRCs received a three-month extension to complete the recertification process. At this point, 500 individuals have met the continuing education requirements.

Since the inception of the peer program in 2005, the peer services area has maintained a database of certified peer workers to ensure compliance with Medicaid policy along with communicating important updates to the peer workforce. In this current database, updating a peer's personal information and communication preferences is a manual process.

With the introduction of continuing education requirements and a growing CPSS and CPRC workforce, the department recognized the need for a more efficient process. A new web-based

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portal is being developed where each CPSS and CPRC will be able to establish their own account to access all information related to certification and continuing education. This interactive peer database portal will be rolling out in early 2026. Certified peer workers, using this web-based portal, will be able to monitor and verify their certification status, track progress toward completing CE requirements, update contact and communication preferences, and share other demographic information that will support long-term workforce development initiatives.

The mandatory CE requirements remain in place, however MDHHS will not be revoking or suspending certifications until one month after this portal is live. We expect this to occur in early February, 2026. Additional correspondence will be sent directly to PIHPs, CMHSPs, and the peer workforce once the portal is active with the one-month date identified when revoking or suspending certifications will be enforced.

If you have additional questions on the process, please contact
MDHHS-CEPeerSupport@Michigan.gov.

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