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Acting Commissioner, Administration on Disabilities Director

Independent Living Administration

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Project Officer

Independent Living Administration

Subject: Technical amendment to Michigan State Plan for Independent Living

On behalf of the Michigan Independent Living Program, the undersigned request a technical amendment to the FY 2017-2019 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) naming Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) as the sole Designated State Entity (DSE).

**DSE Affirmation:**

Michigan Rehabilitation Services affirms their agreement to fulfill all the DSE responsibilities set forth in Section 704 c of the Rehabilitation Act and 1329.12 including:

* Receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State under Part B
* Provide administrative support services for a program under Part B, as directed by the approved State plan
* Keep such records and afford such access to such records as the Administrator finds to be necessary with respect to the programs
* Submit such additional information or provide such assurances as the Administrator may require with respect to the programs; and
* Retain not more than 5 percent of the funds received by the State for any fiscal year under Part B

Suzanne Howell, Director, Michigan Rehabilitation Services

**Release of Responsibilities**

The Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) releases their DSE responsibilities as set forth in Section 704 c of the Rehabilitation Act and 1329.12. BSBP will continue to utilize Part B funding, as set forth in the SPIL, to provide services to those who are blind and visually impaired with multiple disabilities as well as nursing home transition.

BSBP will remain an essential partner in the state Independent Living program and will continue their role as an ex-officio member of the Statewide Independent Council as designated by Michigan Executive Order 2016-11.

William Robinson, Director, Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

The Undersigned affirm the selection of Michigan Rehabilitation Services as the single Michigan DSE and request a technical amendment to the 2017-2019 SPIL.

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Kelly Wynn, Executive Director, Disability Network Oakland/Macomb

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Jim Moore, Executive Director, Disability Network Northern Michigan

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