

**STATE PLAN FOR
INDEPENDENT LIVING
(SPIL)**

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended, Chapter 1, Title

VII

PART B - INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

Part C - Centers for Independent Living

State:

FISCAL YEARS:

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Executive Summary

The Michigan State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) is driven by the mission to ensure Michiganders with disabilities can live independently and participate fully in their communities. This plan, developed for the three-year period from 2024 to 2027, is a collaborative effort spearheaded by the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) and the Centers for Independent Living (CILs), with significant contributions from people with disabilities, their families, and various stakeholder organizations.

This year's SPIL is a testament to the power of collective input, where voices from across the state—gathered through surveys, town halls, and direct consultations—resonated with clear and consistent messages about the barriers that individuals with disabilities face daily. The plan targets these barriers with tailored goals aimed at creating substantial and sustainable improvements in transportation, housing, and systemic advocacy areas identified as critical by our community members.

Addressing Core Needs with Targeted Goals

The SPIL outlines three strategic goals that respond directly to the needs identified by our community members. These goals reflect a commitment to not just address, but actively dismantle barriers that hinder the independence and community engagement of individuals with disabilities.

- 1. Enhancing Transportation Accessibility:** Reliable transportation is a lifeline that connects individuals with disabilities to their communities, workplaces, and essential services. Goal 1 focuses on enhancing accessibility of existing services and developing innovative, cross-county transportation solutions. By forging strategic partnerships and advocating for inclusive policy reforms, the plan aims to dismantle existing barriers and innovate new solutions that make transportation universally accessible. By collaborating with local and regional partners. The plan seeks to expand accessible routes and through policy changes that support comprehensive transportation systems. Public awareness campaigns will also play a critical role in garnering support and understanding from the wider community, ensuring that the necessity of investment in accessible transportation is both recognized and acted upon.
- 2. Increasing Housing Accessibility:** Accessible, adaptable, and affordable housing is foundational to independent living. **Goal 2** aims to increase the availability of accessible, adaptable, and affordable housing. Our advocacy efforts will focus on ensuring housing policies and building codes encompass the needs of individuals with disabilities. This goal is committed to advocating for housing developments that meet the diverse needs of individuals with disabilities, promoting designs that are as inclusive as they are affordable. Through educational initiatives and direct engagement with policymakers, we will advocate for the distinct needs associated with 'affordable' and 'accessible' housing, fostering a deeper understanding that drives policy improvement.

Expanding Community Education and Advocacy: A statewide community education and advocacy campaign led by SILC aims to illuminate the barriers and solutions to the identified goals in this SPIL as well as other advocacy needs on behalf of individuals with disabilities as they arise throughout the three years of this plan. The stakeholder survey identified a variety of systemic change needs including access to mental health services, access to personal care assistance, and continued planning around emergency response being inclusive of the disability community. By leveraging diverse platforms and outreach strategies, including social media and public forums, the campaign will engage stakeholders, partners, the public, and policymakers. It will highlight the real impacts of these services on the lives of individuals with disabilities and advocate for systemic changes. The SILC and its partners will remain fluid and flexible to needs and systems change opportunities that arise that impact the lives of people with disabilities.

Expanding Community Education and Advocacy: The statewide community education and advocacy campaign, led by SILC, seeks to illuminate both the barriers and solutions identified in this SPIL, as well as evolving advocacy needs related to individuals with disabilities over the three-year span of the plan. Stakeholder surveys have pinpointed various systemic change requirements, including enhanced access to mental health services, personal care availability, and the need for emergency response plans that include the disability community. By utilizing diverse platforms and outreach strategies, such as social media and public forums, this campaign will actively engage stakeholders, partners, the public, and policymakers. Personal stories will underscore the tangible impacts of these services on the lives of individuals with disabilities and champion systemic changes. SILC and its partners are committed to remaining adaptive and responsive to evolving needs and opportunities for systems change that may not be specifically identified in the SPIL but emerge over time and impact the lives of people with disabilities.

Sustaining Engagement, Measuring Impact, and Leveraging Partnerships

Through clearly defined objectives and measurable indicators, SPIL partners are committed to tracking progress and refining strategies as necessary throughout the next three years and being continually responsive to feedback from those we serve. Central to the success of these endeavors are robust funding strategies and dynamic partnerships. The plan leverages resources from federal and state funds and engages in strategic collaborations with local transportation providers, housing authorities, mental health service providers, and policymakers. These partnerships are vital for the practical implementation of the SPIL and for fostering sustainable changes within the community.

Furthermore, the SILC will play a critical role in coordinating, monitoring, and evaluating the effectiveness of the SPIL. This includes ensuring compliance with federal guidelines and maintaining active engagement in advocacy and educational efforts. Continuous feedback will be solicited from community members, which is essential for refining and adapting the plan to better meet the evolving needs of Michiganders with disabilities.

Conclusion

The Michigan SPIL represents a focused, community-driven effort to enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. As we implement this plan, we will continue to listen, adapt, and respond to the needs of the community, driven by a commitment to create a fully accessible Michigan where everyone can thrive independently.

1.1 Mission:

Mission of the Independent Living Network and the SPIL.

Michiganders with disabilities live independently and participate fully in their community.

1.2 Goals:

Goals of the IL Network for the three-year period of the plan.

Goal 1: Promote access to affordable, accessible cross-county transportation for people with disabilities.

Goal 2: Advocate for increased availability of accessible/adaptable and affordable housing for individuals with disabilities.

Goal 3: Through a SILC led statewide community education campaign, advocate for access to affordable, accessible cross-county transportation for people with disabilities; increased availability of accessible/adaptable and affordable housing for individuals with disabilities; and increased access to mental health services for individuals with disabilities.

1.3 Objectives

Objectives for the three-year period of the plan – including geographic scope, desired outcomes, target dates, and indicators. Including compatibility with the purpose of Title VII, Chapter 1.

Objective 1.1: Collaborate with partners to enhance existing transportation services and identify barriers to new, innovative, cross-county accessible transportation options for people with disabilities.

Lead Organization(s): CILs & SILC

Time Frame: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2027

Measurable Indicators:

Form strategic partnerships with local transportation providers, disability advocacy groups, and governmental agencies.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Targets Years 1-2:

Year 1: Form partnerships with at least 5 local transportation providers and 3 governmental

agencies. Identify and document barriers in at least 3 existing transportation services.
Year 2: Expand partnerships to include 8 transportation providers and 5 governmental agencies.
Propose or implement 2 new innovative cross-county transportation options.

Target Year 3:

Sustain partnerships with 10 transportation providers and 7 governmental agencies. Address and overcome barriers in 5 existing transportation services. Propose or implement 3 new innovative cross-county transportation options.

Resources Needed: CIL staff, SILC staff, Council members, people with disabilities.

Funding Sources: Part B, Part C, state funds, SILC resource plan

Objective 1.2: Advocate for Policy Changes. Engage in advocacy efforts to influence local and regional transportation policies to include cross-county funding and routes.

Lead Organization(s): CILs, SILC

Time Frame: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2027

Measurable Indicators:

Establish a transportation coalition comprised of people with disabilities, disability and aging organizations and regional transportation company representatives.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Targets Years 1-2:

Year 1: Hold meetings with policymakers from at least 5 local and regional jurisdictions.
Distribute advocacy materials to key stakeholders.

Year 2: Increase advocacy efforts by holding meetings with policymakers from at least 8 jurisdictions. Influence policy changes in 2 local or regional transportation policies.

Target Year 3:

Maintain advocacy efforts by holding meetings with policymakers from at least 10 jurisdictions.
Influence policy changes in 3 local or regional transportation policies.

Resources Needed: CIL staff, SILC staff, Council members, people with disabilities.

Funding Sources: Part B, Part C, state funds

Objective 1.3: Raise Public Awareness. Utilizing SILC's outreach campaign efforts, promote understanding and support the need to invest in cross-county transportation options, fostering a more inclusive and accessible state. *Broaden target audience to leverage understanding that disability impacts all of us - intersects all ages, races, and income-levels.

Lead Organization(s): CILs, SILC

Time Frame: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2027

Measurable Indicators:

Develop and implement a public awareness campaign to educate the community about the transportation challenges faced by individuals with disabilities focusing on regional transportation needs as opposed to county specific.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Targets Years 1-2:

Year 1: Reach 10,000 individuals through the public awareness campaign. Hold 3 community events or workshops. Conduct surveys to establish baseline understanding and for comparison in year 3.

Year 2: Increase campaign reach to 20,000 individuals. Hold 5 community events or workshops. Secure at least 2 media appearances.

Target Year 3:

Sustain campaign reach at 20,000 individuals. Hold 5 community events or workshops. Secure at least 3 media appearances. Conduct surveys to measure changes in public perception and support.

Resources Needed: CIL staff, SILC staff, Council members, people with disabilities.

Funding Sources: Part B, Part C, state funds

Objective 2.1: Advocate for the enactment or improvement of policies (local and state), funding mechanisms, and building codes that include the construction of affordable and accessible/adaptable housing units for people with disabilities.

Lead Organization(s): CILs, SILC

Time Frame: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2027

Measurable Indicators:

Collaborate with policymakers to draft inclusive housing policies. Advocate for funding mechanisms including tax incentives and low interest loans for property owners investing in accessible residential building or home modifications. Visit Ability, Inclusive/Universal Design, Aging in Place.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Targets Years 1-2:

Year 1: Hold 5 meetings with policymakers to draft inclusive housing policies. Propose improvements to 3 existing policies.

Year 2: Increase engagement by holding 8 meetings with policymakers. Propose 2 new inclusive

housing policies.

Target Year 3:

Sustain engagement by holding 8 meetings with policymakers. Sustain advocacy for the enactment of the proposed inclusive housing policies.

Resources Needed: CIL staff, SILC staff, Council members, people with disabilities.

Funding Sources: Part B, Part C, state funds

Objective 2.2: Raise Public Awareness. Utilizing SILCs outreach campaign efforts about the nuanced understanding of accessibility within the disability community. Emphasize that 'affordable' and 'accessible' are distinct concepts, often mistakenly used interchangeably by individuals outside the disability community.

Lead Organization(s): CILs, SILC

Time Frame: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2027

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Measurable Indicators:

Host collaborative events that bring policymakers, experts, and individuals with disabilities together for discussions. Focus on the new Disability Caucus in the Legislature.

Targets Years 1-2:

Year 1: Host 3 educational workshops for policymakers. Distribute informational materials to 100 policymakers. Conduct surveys to establish baseline understanding and for comparison in year 3.

Year 2: Increase workshop frequency to 5. Distribute materials to 200 policymakers.

Target Year 3:

Sustain workshop frequency at 5. Distribute materials to 250 policymakers. Conduct surveys to measure understanding.

Resources Needed: CIL staff, SILC staff, Council members, people with disabilities.

Funding Sources: Part B, Part C, state funds

Objective 3.1 Utilizing SILC's community education campaign, promote statewide understanding and support the need to invest in cross-county transportation options, fostering a more inclusive and accessible state.

Lead Organization(s): CILs, SILC

Time Frame: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2027

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Measurable Indicators:

Targets Years 1-2:

Year 1: Establish a baseline of the current knowledge and valuing of accessible, cross-county transportation by legislators and the public through a statewide community education and advocacy program.

Year 2: Increase the established baseline of the current knowledge and valuing of accessible, cross-county transportation by 50 or more legislators and the public through a statewide community education program.

Target Year 3:

Year 3: Increase the established baseline of the current knowledge and valuing of accessible, cross-county transportation by 100 or more legislators and the public through a statewide community education program.

Resources Needed: CIL staff, SILC staff, Council members, people with disabilities.

Funding Sources: Part B, Part C, state funds

Objective 3.2 Utilizing SILC's community education campaign, raise statewide awareness among policymakers about the nuanced understanding of accessibility within the disability community. Emphasize that 'affordable' and 'accessible' are distinct concepts, often mistakenly used interchangeably by individuals outside the disability community.

Lead Organization(s): CILs, SILC

Time Frame: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2027

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Measurable Indicators:

Targets Years 1-2:

Year 1: Establish a baseline of the current knowledge and valuing of the nuanced understanding of housing accessibility of legislators and the public through a statewide community education program. Emphasize that 'affordable' and 'accessible' are distinct concepts, often mistakenly used interchangeably by individuals outside the disability community.

Year 2: Increase the established baseline of the of the current knowledge and valuing of the

nuanced understanding of housing accessibility by 50 or more legislators and the public through a statewide community education program.

Target Year 3:

Year 3: Increase the established baseline of the of the current knowledge and valuing of the nuanced understanding of housing accessibility by 100 or more legislators and the public through a statewide community education program.

Resources Needed:

Funding Sources: Part B, Part C, state funds

Objective 3.3 Utilizing SILC's community education campaign, raise statewide and policymakers' awareness of the benefits of increased access to mental health services by individuals with disabilities.

Lead Organization(s): CILs, SILC

Time Frame: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2027

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Measurable Indicators:

Targets Years 1-2:

Year 1: Establish a baseline of the current knowledge and valuing of increased access to mental health services by individuals with disabilities of legislators and the public through a statewide community education program. Specific focus will be on making the Disability Community aware of the 988 Crisis Line that is available as a front-line point of contact for those in need of mental health services.

Year 2: Increase the established baseline of the current knowledge and valuing of increased access to mental health services by individuals with disabilities by 50 or more legislators and the public through a statewide and targeted community education program. Build coalitions with other mental health organizations in the State to advocate with legislators and other policymakers.

Target Year 3:

Year 3: Increase the established baseline of the current knowledge and valuing of increased access to mental health services by individuals with disabilities by 100 or more legislators and the public through a statewide community education program. Evaluate success of the promotion of the 988 Crisis Line and coalition building activities to date.

Resources Needed:

Funding Sources: Part B, Part C, state funds

Objective 3.4: Utilizing SILC's community education and advocacy campaign, raise statewide and policymakers' awareness of emerging disability issues that affect individuals with disabilities directly.

Lead Organization(s): CILs, SILC

Time Frame: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2027

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Measurable Indicators:

Targets Years 1-2:

Year 1: Establish a baseline of the current knowledge and valuing of emerging disability issues of legislators and the public through a statewide community education program.

Year 2: Increase the established baseline of the current knowledge and valuing of emerging disability issues by 50 or more legislators and the public through a statewide community education program.

Target Year 3:

Year 3: Increase the established baseline of the current knowledge and valuing of emerging disability issues by 100 or more legislators and the public through a statewide community education program.

Resources Needed:

Funding Sources: Part B, Part C, state funds

Objective 3.5 Bureau of Services for Blind People IL Services: People who are blind increase their independence through BSBP's provision of Part B IL services. The Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind Persons will facilitate the provision of Independent Living Part B services to people who are blind or visually impaired and who may also have additional disabilities that would inhibit their capacity to maintain their independence and ability to live as independently as possible without the need for transition of their living situation to a more restrictive environment.

Lead Organization(s): BSBP

Time Frame: 10/01/2024 – 09/30/2027

Measurable Indicators:

1) The people served who are able to maintain the least restrictive environment will be considered a successful closure and will be measured and reported to the SILC by the Bureau. Increase in # of people who complete their IL goals.

2) Capture and report the #'s of people who complete their IL goals designed to enhance the ability to live in the least restrictive environment possible.

Geographic Scope: Statewide

Target Year 3:

Targets Years 1-2:

Resources Needed: Part B

1.4 Evaluation

Methods and processes the SILC will use to evaluate the effectiveness of the SPIL including timelines and evaluation of satisfaction of individuals with disabilities.

The SILC's SPIL Monitoring Committees will meet at least on a quarterly basis to review SPIL monitoring progress to evaluate the effectiveness of action steps and progress toward SPIL objectives and outcomes based on each objective's measurable indicators. The SILC will review SPIL implementation through verbal reports during SILC public business meetings. CIL directors are kept informed of SPIL progress through the CIL director liaison who is an appointed member of the SILC. CIL directors are regularly invited to all SILC public meetings and offered opportunities to present to the SILC. The public is kept informed of SPIL progress by posting SILC business meeting minutes and meeting CARTs on SILC's website and through reporting at SILC public meetings.

As the SPIL is implemented, a close partnership with the CIL network will allow for interactions regarding the implementation process, data collection, and opportunities to review SPIL progress. As progress is monitored, SILC will collaboratively evaluate objectives that are not meeting benchmarks, explore reasons for lack of progress and discuss with the CIL Network whether a SPIL amendment is required.

In the second year of the SPIL, SILC, in collaboration with the CIL Network, will design and conduct an independent survey to gather input to evaluate satisfaction of stakeholders and people with significant disabilities who have participated in the Independent Living services and/or CIL services. Results will be compiled and evaluated by SILC before the end of the second year of the SPIL. Survey results will be taken into consideration when assessing the need for SPIL amendments. In addition, each CIL is contractually obligated to provide their consumer satisfaction data to SILC annually. At least one SPIL monitoring report will include a compiled report of consumer satisfaction allowing for a comparison with the SILC statewide satisfaction survey results.

To facilitate the SILC's duty to monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the State plan, the Michigan IL network agrees to the following performance measures:

| Timeline | Goals (copy from section 1.2 above) | Objectives (copy from section 1.3 above) | Data to be collected | Data collection method | Organization primarily responsible for data collection (please check as many as apply) |
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| <i>Throughout 3-year period</i> | <i>Promote access to affordable, accessible cross-county transportation for people with disabilities.</i> | <p><i>Collaborate with partners to enhance existing transportation services and identify barriers to new, innovative, cross-county accessible transportation options for people with disabilities.</i></p> <p><i>Advocate for Policy Changes. Engage in advocacy efforts to influence local and regional transportation policies to include cross-county funding and routes.</i></p> <p><i>Raise Public Awareness. Utilizing SILCs outreach campaign efforts, promote understanding</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Form strategic partnerships with local transportation providers, disability advocacy groups, and governmental agencies.</i> • <i>Establish a transportation coalition comprised of people with disabilities, disability and aging organizations and regional transportation company representatives.</i> • <i>Develop and implement a public awareness campaign to educate the community about</i> | <p><i>Network updates to SILC Liaison at monthly DNM Board Meetings</i></p> <p><i>Network updates to SILC Liaison at monthly DNM Board Meetings</i></p> | <p><i>CIL Network SILC</i></p> <p><i>CIL Network, SILC</i></p> <p><i>CIL Network SILC</i></p> |

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| | | <p><i>and support the need to invest in cross-county transportation options, fostering a more inclusive and accessible state.</i></p> <p><i>*Broaden target audience to leverage understanding that disability impacts all of us - intersects all ages, races, and income-levels.</i></p> | <p><i>the transportation challenges faced by individuals with disabilities focusing on regional transportation needs as opposed to county specific.</i></p> | | |
| <p><i>Throughout 3-year period</i></p> | <p><i>Advocate for increased availability of accessible/adaptable and affordable housing for individuals with disabilities.</i></p> | <p><i>Work towards the enactment or improvement of legislation, policies, and building code that include the construction of affordable and accessible/adaptable housing units for people with disabilities.</i></p> <p><i>Raise Public Awareness. Utilizing SILCs outreach</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Collaborate with policymakers to draft inclusive housing policies. Advocate for funding mechanisms including tax incentives and low interest loans for property owners investing in accessible residential building or home modifications. Visit ability, Inclusive/Universal Design, Aging in Place.</i> <i>Host collaborative events that bring policymakers,</i> | <p><i>Network updates to SILC Liaison at monthly DNM Board Meetings & Legislative monitoring</i></p> <p><i>Network updates to SILC Liaison at monthly DNM Board Meetings</i></p> | <p><i>CIL Network SILC</i></p> <p><i>CIL Network SILC</i></p> <p><i>CIL Network, SILC</i></p> |

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| | | <p><i>campaign efforts about the nuanced understanding of accessibility within the disability community. Emphasize that 'affordable' and 'accessible' are distinct concepts, often mistakenly used interchangeably by individuals outside the disability community.</i></p> | <p><i>experts, and individuals with disabilities together for discussions. Focus on the new Disability Caucus in the Legislature.</i></p> | | |
| <p><i>Throughout 3-year period</i></p> | <p><i>Through a SILC led statewide community education campaign, advocate for access to affordable, accessible cross-county transportation for people with disabilities; increased availability of accessible/adaptable and affordable housing for individuals with disabilities; and increased access to mental health</i></p> | <p><i>Utilizing SILC's community education campaign, promote statewide understanding and support the need to invest in cross-county transportation options, fostering a more inclusive and accessible state.</i></p> <p><i>Utilizing SILC's community education campaign, raise statewide awareness among policymakers about the</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | <p><i>Rave Technologies & Survey of emergency plans</i></p> | <p><i>CIL Network SILC</i></p> <p><i>CIL Network SILC</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>services for individuals with disabilities.</i></p> | <p><i>nuanced understanding of accessibility within the disability community. Emphasize that 'affordable' and 'accessible' are distinct concepts, often mistakenly used interchangeably by individuals outside the disability community.</i></p> <p><i>Utilizing SILC's community education campaign, raise statewide and policymakers' awareness of the benefits of increased access to mental health services by individuals with disabilities.</i></p> <p><i>Utilizing SILC's community education and advocacy campaign, raise statewide and policymakers' awareness of emerging disability issues that affect</i></p> | | | <p><i>CIL Network, SILC</i></p> <p><i>CIL Network, SILC</i></p> |
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| | | <i>individuals with disabilities directly.</i> | | | |
| <i>Throughout 3-year period</i> | | <u>Bureau of Services for Blind People IL Services:</u> <i>People who are blind increase their independence through BSBP's provision of Part B IL services.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The people served who are able to maintain the least restrictive environment will be considered a successful closure and will be measured and reported to the SILC by the Bureau. Increase in # of people with disabilities who complete their IL goals.</i> <i>Capture and report the #'s of people with disabilities who complete their IL goals designed to enhance the ability to live in the least restrictive environment possible.</i> | <i>BSBP database</i> | <i>BSBP</i> |
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1.5 Financial Plan

Sources, uses of, and efforts to coordinate funding to be used to accomplish the Goals and Objectives. Process for grants/contracts, selection of grantees, and distribution of funds to facilitate effective operations and provision of services.

| Fiscal Year(s): 2025-2027 | | | | | |
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| Sources | Projected Funding Amounts and Uses | | | | |
| | SILC Resource | IL Services | General CIL Operations | Other SPIL Activities | Retained by DSE for |

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|--|---------|---------|------------|--|---|
| | Plan | | | | Administrative costs (applies only to Part B funding) |
| Title VII Funds | | | | | |
| Chapter 1, Part B | 84,895 | 194,149 | 273,208 | | |
| Chapter 1, Part C | | | 2,161,619 | | |
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| Other Federal Funds | | | | | |
| Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act (Innovation and Expansion shall not be \$0) | 231,350 | | | | |
| Social Security Reimbursement | | | 2,300,000 | | |
| Other | | | | | |
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| Non-Federal Funds Part B State Match | | | | | |
| Other State Match for Funds in SPIL | | | | | |
| State Funds | 70,000 | | 11,194,210 | | |
| Other | | | | | |

Narrative Section

Description of financial plan narrative.

Part B and Part C funds are utilized to support the general operations of the Centers for Independent Living to provide independent living services and advance the objectives in the SPIL. Advancing the objectives of the SPIL will be a collaborative effort between the SILC and the CIL Network, whereas SILC will be utilizing Part B funds to help advance the collaboration. Part B funds are utilized for three purposes: 1) 35% is allocated to the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) to provide direct IL Services 2) 15% is used for the operations of SILC and 3) 50% is granted to the CILs by the DSE for general operations.

Annually, the DSE, SILC, and the CILs develop coordinated funding plans for:

1. Use of Federal and State funds available for IL Programs and services.
2. Development of private sector resources for IL programs supports and services.

Annually, state, and federal funding (composed of Title VII Part B, Social Security Reimbursement, and State tax funds) is distributed by the DSE to the CILs through state grants

according to the following agreed upon funding priorities:

It is Michigan’s intent that all CILs receive an equal amount of available Part B and Part C funds. If the Part C funds are not distributed equally, Part B funds will first be used to provide equality to the extent possible. For example, if 5 CILs receive \$120,000 in Part C funds and 10 CILs receive \$110,000, \$10,000 in Part B funds will be granted to each of the 10 CILs to equal \$120,000. Any remaining Part B funds would be divided equally amongst all CILs.

Current federal Part B, Part C, and state appropriations total \$16,261,656 and include Social Security Reimbursement and state tax dollars for independent living core services. It is Michigan’s intent to distribute these funds for core services to each CIL as follows:

(Note: The below amounts are based on the FY 2020 funding appropriation of Part B, Part C, and state funding. The amount may change before final submission of SPIL based on FY 2021 State of Michigan funding appropriations)

FY 2025-2027 CIL Funding

| CIL Name | State GF/GP | Social Security | Title VII Part B | TOTAL State IL Core | Title VII Part C | Total State IL Core and Part C | CARES Act |
|--|-------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| The Disability Network (Flint) | 600,867 | 123,069 | 20,860 | 744,796 | 159,379 | 904,175 | |
| Disability Network of Northern Michigan | 682,876 | 139,866 | 7,105 | 829,847 | 177,988 | 1,007,835 | |
| Disability Network Capital Area | 696,558 | 142,669 | 22,135 | 861,362 | 159,378 | 1,020,740 | |
| Disability Connections - Jackson | 424,266 | 86,968 | 4,529 | 516,107 | 177,988 | 694,095 | |
| Disability Network Southwest Michigan | 769,238 | 157,555 | 22,412 | 949,205 | 177,989 | 1,127,194 | |
| Disability Advocates of Kent County | 806,387 | 165,164 | 24,316 | 995,867 | 159,377 | 1,165,244 | |
| Disability Network Oakland & Macomb | 1,415,127 | 289,845 | 32,241 | 1,737,213 | 159,378 | 1,896,591 | |
| Superior Alliance for Independent Living | 774,314 | 158,595 | 25,371 | 958,280 | 167,104 | 1,125,384 | |
| Disability Network/Mid-Michigan | 894,453 | 183,201 | 25,635 | 1,103,289 | 159,378 | 1,262,667 | |
| Disability Connections - West Michigan | 458,266 | 93,862 | 4,678 | 556,806 | 177,988 | 734,794 | |
| Disability Network/Lakeshore | 551,444 | 112,946 | 20,987 | 685,377 | 159,379 | 844,756 | |
| Disability Network Eastern Michigan Thumb Area | 651,877 | 133,517 | 21,486 | 806,879 | 159,378 | 966,257 | |

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| Disability Network Eastern Michigan (Berrien/Cass) | 379,306 | 77,689 | 4,250 | 461,245 | 159,378 | 620,623 | |
| Disability Network Washtenaw Monroe Livingston | 785,782 | 160,943 | 22,852 | 969,577 | 159,378 | 1,128,955 | |
| Disability Network- Detroit/Wayne | 1,303,105 | 266,901 | 14,353 | 1,584,358 | 177,988 | 1,762,346 | |
| Total | 11,194,210 | 2,292,790 | 273,208 | 13,760,208 | 2,491,448 | 16,261,656 | |

If there is a decrease in funds for core services below \$16,261,656 the decrease will be distributed across the CIL network proportional to the decrease. For example, if the amount of the reduction is 10% of the total, each CIL will receive a 10% reduction. If there is an increase in funds for core services above \$16,261,656 the increase will be distributed using a formula of 50% equality and 50% equity. Equality is determined by dividing the funds by the number of CILs. Equity will be determined based upon a formula that is derived using population, geography, and ALICE rate developed by the CILs. If available resources are not adequate to achieve the above priorities, SILC will consult and collaborate with the CIL network to determine a distribution that is simple, fair, and efficient.

Section 2: Scope, Extent, and Arrangements of Services

2.1 Services

Services to be provided to persons with disabilities that promote full access to community life including geographic scope, determination of eligibility, and statewide reach.

| Table 2.1A: Independent living services | Provided using Part B (check to indicate yes) | Provided using other funds (check to indicate yes; do not list the other funds) | Entity that provides (specify CIL, DSE, or the other entity) |
|--|---|---|--|
| <p>Core Independent Living Services, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information and referral - Individual and systems advocacy - Peer counseling - IL skills training - Transition services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transition from nursing homes & other institutions. ▪ Diversion from institutions ▪ Transition of youth (who were eligible for an IEP) to post-secondary life | | | |
| | Yes | Yes | CILs, DSE |
| | Yes | Yes | CILs |
| | Yes | Yes | CILs |
| | Yes | Yes | CILs |
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| | | | |
| | Yes | Yes | CILs |
| | Yes | Yes | CILs |
| | Yes | Yes | CILs |
| Counseling services, including psychological, psychotherapeutic, and related services | Yes | Yes | CILs |
| <p>Services related to securing housing or shelter, including services related to community group living, and supportive of the purposes of this Act and of the titles of this Act, and adaptive housing services (including appropriate accommodations to and modifications of any space used to serve, or occupied by, individuals with disabilities) Note: CILs are not allowed to own or operate housing.</p> | Yes | Yes | CILs |
| Rehabilitation technology | Yes | Yes | CILs, DSE |
| Mobility training | Yes | Yes | CILs |
| Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services | Yes | Yes | CILs, DSE |
| Personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services | Yes | Yes | CILs |
| Surveys, directories, and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation opportunities, and accessible transportation, and other support services | Yes | Yes | CILs |

| Table 2.1A: Independent living services | Provided using Part B (check to indicate yes) | Provided using other funds (check to indicate yes; do not list the other funds) | Entity that provides (specify CIL, DSE, or the other entity) |
|---|---|---|--|
| Consumer information programs on rehabilitation and IL services available under this Act, especially for minorities and other individuals with disabilities who have traditionally been unserved or underserved by programs under this Act | Yes | Yes | CILs, DSE |
| Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities | Yes | Yes | CILs |
| Supported living | Yes | Yes | CILs |
| Transportation, including referral and assistance for such transportation | Yes | Yes | CILs, DSE |
| Physical rehabilitation | No | No | |
| Therapeutic treatment | Yes | Yes | CILs, DSE |
| Provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices | Yes | Yes | CILs, DSE |
| Individual and group social and recreational services | Yes | Yes | CILs |
| Training to develop skills specifically designed for youths who are individuals with significant disabilities to promote self-awareness and esteem, develop advocacy and self-empowerment skills, and explore career options | Yes | Yes | CILs, DSE |
| Services for children | Yes | Yes | CILs |
| Services under other Federal, State, or local programs designed to provide resources, training, counseling, or other assistance, of substantial benefit in enhancing the independence, productivity, and quality of life of individuals with disabilities | Yes | Yes | CILs, DSE |
| Appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals with significant disabilities for similar services in the future | Yes | Yes | CILs, DSE |
| Community awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration into society of individuals with disabilities | Yes | Yes | CILs, DSE |
| Such other services as may be necessary and not inconsistent with the Act | Yes | Yes | CILs, DSE |

2.2 Outreach to Unserved and Underserved Populations

Identify steps to be taken regarding statewide outreach to populations that are unserved or underserved by programs that are funded under Title VII, including minority groups and urban and rural populations and how outreach will be conducted to address equity.

In Michigan's IL Network, unserved populations are defined as people with disabilities who live in counties that are not associated with a Part C funded CIL service area. Out of Michigan's 83 counties, nine counties are unserved and are primarily located in the mid-west and northeast areas of lower Michigan. Michigan's counties that are unserved by the IL network through Part B and Part C funding are Ionia, Mecosta, Montcalm, Osceola, Alcona, Iosco, Ogemaw, Roscommon, and Lake counties. These counties are served with state funds.

Michigan's underserved populations are defined as people with disabilities who live in CIL service areas where the CIL's core funding does not meet the Michigan CIL prototype's minimum IL core funding level of 75% of the CIL's total budget which is further described in Section 3.2 "Expansion of the Network." When analyzing underserved disability populations by county based on the Michigan CIL prototype, all counties affiliated with Michigan CILs are underserved. The Michigan CIL service areas that are the most underserved in the prototype based on core funding levels are Detroit, Oakland/Macomb, mid-Michigan, northern Michigan, and the Upper Peninsula (see table in Section 3.2).

The outreach plan will be spearheaded by SILC and will promote IL/CIL service awareness to unserved and underserved disability populations in all Michigan counties based on the CIL prototype minimum funding table with an additional focus on the CIL identified populations in SPIL Goal 1, Objective 1.4 Diversity, and Inclusion.

The IL/CIL service outreach awareness campaign, led by SILC, will be designed in partnership with the CIL Network. Statewide outreach methods will include development of accessible informational and educational materials about IL and CIL service awareness disseminated across multiple accessible platforms including social media, websites, and in key partner locations where targeted populations receive goods and services. The awareness campaign will include the development of a targeted outreach social media presence, development of community presentations, materials, talking points, partnering with disability related community service agencies and groups in targeted areas, and evaluation of outreach efforts. SILC will dedicate SPIL resources to third party outreach service to ensure the successful launch and execution of the outreach campaign.

2.3 Coordination

Plans for coordination of services and cooperation among programs and organizations that support community life for persons with disabilities.

Michigan's partners coordinate services and strive to avoid duplication through multi-level interactions and collaborations. This is also accomplished through representation on, and presentations to, the Council, as well as input during SPIL formulation and on-going evaluation process. Through effective communication and relationship development, the SILC and the CILs strive to ensure that none of the services planned or provided through the SPIL are duplicated

with special education services, vocational rehabilitation services, public health, mental health, housing, transportation, Veterans programs, and Medicaid services. Services are designed to enhance service offerings for people with significant disabilities.

SILC’s Chair, or designee, is a Governor appointed member of the Michigan Council for Rehabilitation Services (MCRS) in accordance with WIOA which allows for the facilitation of ongoing presentations to both councils on missions, sharing of activities, collaboration on improvement of statewide employment outcomes for people with disabilities, and sharing of progress on service delivery and SPIL progress.

SILC membership includes the following Ex Officio members: the director or designee of Michigan Rehabilitation Services (DSE), the director or designee of the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP), a representative from the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, designated by the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, who works in the Division on Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing; a representative from the Michigan Department Education, designated by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who works in the Office of Special Education; and a representative from the Department of Health and Human Services, designated by the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, with knowledge of all programs within the Department of Health and Human Services impacting people with disabilities. Ex Officio membership on the SILC allows for continuous state level collaboration across multiple state departments that provide services to people with disabilities.

SILC will continue partnering with the Developmental Disabilities Council to bring services to the DD population. Part B funds are used by the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) to provide IL services to people who are blind or visually impaired and is the most appropriate entity to provide these specialized IL services. BSBP coordinates with IL Network on services to BSBP consumers. With BSBP’s loss of the ability to provide homemaker services under WIOA, there is an increased need for coordination of services between BSBP and the IL Network to support people with disabilities in gaining and maintaining community-based living. The CILs will partner with the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition on the youth advocacy and leadership initiative.

Section 3: Network of Centers

3.1 Existing Centers

Current Centers for Independent Living including legal name; geographic area and counties served; and source(s) of funding. Oversight process, by source of funds and oversight entity.

Michigan's Network of CILs is comprised of fifteen Centers for Independent Living all of whom receive Title VII Part C funds. Each CIL is required to be in compliance with the Rehabilitation Act Section 725, CIL Standards and Assurances, in order to retain eligibility to be included in the SPIL Network of CILs. They are:

| Legal name | Counties served | Funding source(s) | Oversight process | Oversight entity | SPIL Signatory |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
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| | | | | | (yes/no) |
|--|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Disability Network Washtenaw Monroe Livingston | Livingston Monroe Washtenaw | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal regulations/requirements through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL ACL | Yes |
| Disability Network Eastern Michigan – Thumb Area | St. Clair Sanilac Huron Lapeer Tuscola | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal regulations/requirements through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL ACL | Yes |
| Disability Network Capital Area | Clinton Eaton Ingham Shiawassee | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal regulations/requirements through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL ACL | Yes |
| Disability Advocates of Kent County | Kent | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal regulations/requirements through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL ACL | Yes |
| Disability Network Lakeshore | Allegan Ottawa | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal regulations/requirements through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL ACL | Yes |
| Disability Network Mid- Michigan | Arenac Bay Clare Gladwin Gratiot | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal regulations/requirements | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL ACL | Yes |

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| | Isabella Midland Saginaw | | through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | | |
| Disability Network Eastern Michigan - Oakland and Macomb | Macomb Oakland | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal regulations/requirements through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL ACL | Yes |
| Disability Network Southwest Michigan | Barry Branch Calhoun Kalamazoo St. Joseph Van Buren | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal regulations/requirements through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL ACL | Yes |
| The Disability Network | Genesee | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal regulations/requirements through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL ACL | Yes |
| Superior Alliance for Independent Living | Alger Baraga Chippewa Delta Dickinson Gogebic Houghton Iron Keweenaw Luce Mackinac Marquette Menominee Ontonagon Schoolcraft | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal regulations/requirements through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL ACL | Yes |
| Disability Network Southwest Michigan - Berrien and Cass | Berrien Cass | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL | Yes |

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| | | | regulations/requirements through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | ACL | |
| Disability Network Northern Michigan | Antrim Benzie Charlevoix Emmitt Grand Traverse Kalkaska Leelanau Manistee Missaukee Wexford Alpena Cheboygan Crawford Montmorency Oscoda Otsego Presque Isle | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal regulations/requirements through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL ACL | Yes |
| disability Connections Inc. | Hillsdale Jackson Lenawee | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal regulations/requirements through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL ACL | Yes |
| Disability Network West Michigan | Mason Muskegon Newaygo Oceana | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal regulations/requirements through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL ACL | Yes |
| Disability Network Wayne County Detroit | Wayne | Part B State GF/GP Social Security Part C | DSE determines oversight process in accordance with Section 4.3 of the SPIL and state and federal regulations/requirements through CIL contracts; CILs submit CIL PPR to DSE and ACL | DSE, ACL DSE DSE ACL ACL | Yes |

The following nine counties are not federally affiliated with a Michigan CIL and are not served with Part C funding, but they are served with state funding: Ionia, Mecosta, Montcalm, Osceola, Alcona, Iosco, Ogemaw, Roscommon, and Lake counties.

3.2 Expansion and Adjustment of Network

- Plan and priorities for use of funds, by funding source, including Part B funds, Part C funds, State funds, and other funds, whether current, increased, or one-time funding, and methodology for distribution of funds, and use of funds to build capacity of existing Centers, establish new Centers, and/or increase statewide reach of Network.

Minimum funding level for a Center and formula/plan for distribution of funds to bring each Center to the minimum. Exceptions must be explained with sufficient detail.

Action/process for distribution of funds relinquished or removed from a Center and/or if a Center closes.

Plan/formula for adjusting distribution of funds when cut/reduced.

Plan for changes to Center service areas and/or funding levels to accommodate expansion and/or adjustment of the Network.

Plan for one-time funding and/or temporary changes to Center service areas and/or funding levels.

The Michigan CIL prototype was developed by the CIL network to provide a framework for the plan, priorities, and methodology for distributing funds to build realistic, practical baseline capacity and statewideness of a Network of CILs that achieve the federal IL program standards and indicators. It is based on sufficient operational funding for the CIL to have the capacity to address the needs of all communities within its service area. The model was collaboratively developed to provide a flexible short- and long-range planning framework that can be used as model in assessing, comparing, and distributing funding across the state.

Continuing assessment of the existing CIL Network has led to the realization that a more comprehensive planning framework is needed. Even the smallest of the CILs currently report they have communities within their service areas that they cannot appropriately serve. Development of a statewide CIL Network that would achieve its intended purposes requires a planning framework that needs to reflect a realistic and practical baseline of operational funding. This would be sufficient operational funding for the CIL to have the capacity to address the independent living needs of all communities within its service area.

The Michigan CIL Prototype has been developed to meet this need. It provides a flexible planning framework that can be used as a template in assessing and comparing the equity of funding across the state. By identifying a CIL profile for a conceptually defined population and geographic area, it can provide a starting point for the process of analyzing local community need and developing a unique CIL with the capacity to address the needs of the communities within its particular service area.

Development of the Michigan CIL Prototype: The Michigan CIL prototype was developed as a basis for the national CIL standards and indicators, as well as the many applicable federal and state grant requirements and assurances. It also includes the generally accepted organizational,

financial, and planning practices incorporated by reference in the standards and assurances. Conscious effort was made to build the prototype on the basis of practices that Michigan CILs have found to be effective and efficient. In addition, the commitment was to focus explicitly on what is needed for a realistic and practical baseline of operational capacity. In practice, each CIL must generate its own plans with each community, which can be expected to result in a unique organization that does not directly emulate the prototype. This document is not intended to be a standard to achieve, but rather a model for equitable CIL funding.

Planning Assumptions:

- **Service Areas:** The conceptual prototype is predicated on a CIL with a population of 250,000 people in a service area of 4,000 square miles. These are long-standing population and area figures commonly used in identifying CIL Core Funding levels. Although the figures are normally used to express minimum expectations (i.e., “250,000 people or 4,000 square miles”), they have here been combined to provide a defined service setting for the planning prototype. For planning purposes, the prototype service area is considered to include a mix of both urban and rural areas, including a diverse mix of disability, ethnic, cultural, age, religious, and other characteristics.
- **Personnel:** It is assumed that CILs will need 18 full-time staff, representing between 60-70% of the total CIL budget, to provide essential operations and service infrastructure to:
 - Engage in effective community development/systems change activities;
 - Enhance individual opportunities for self-determination;
 - Establish stable, accountable, and effective operational infrastructure;
 - Secure and apply current technology;
 - Raise other revenue and mobilize resources within the community.
- **Estimated Revenue:** Engaging in the above listed activities will require a minimum of \$2.4 million. It has been determined that a realistic projection of fund sources was for three-quarters (575%) of the prototype CIL’s funding to come from federal and state Core funding and the remaining one-quarter (25%) from other funding sources, such as grants, contracts, resource development and other fee-for-service.

75% Core Funds (\$71,800,00)

50% Other Revenue (\$600,000)

- **Estimated Expense Allocation:** The funds would be allocated in the following a standardized distribution:

65% Personnel

7.7% Occupancy

4.3% Communications

7.3% Contractual

15.7% Other operational costs

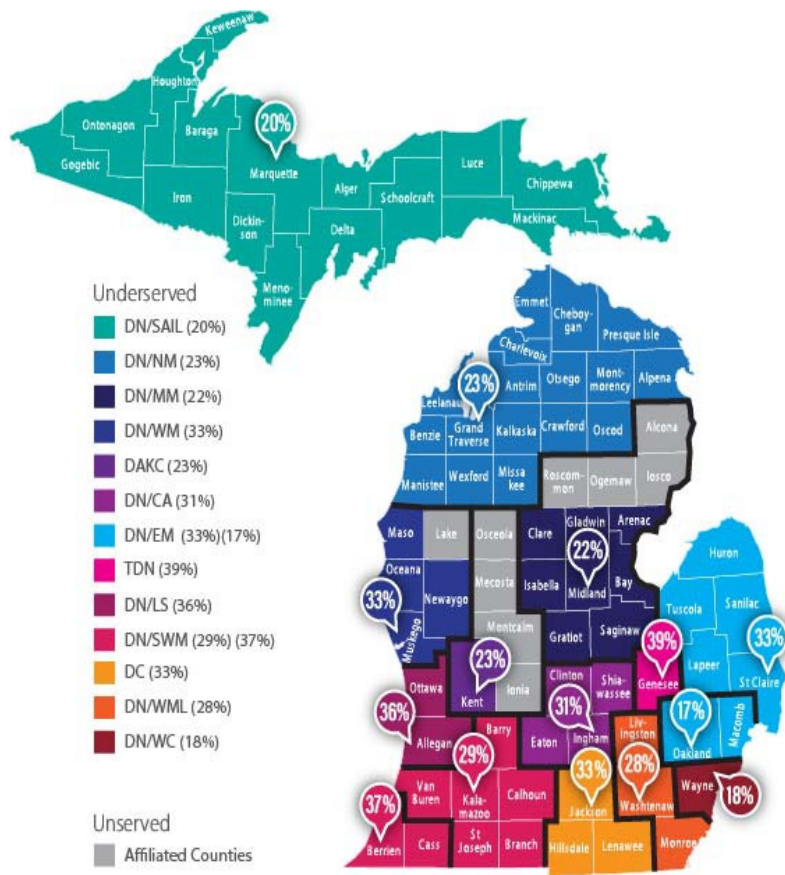
Long Range Funding Targets: The resulting prototype CIL budget can be used as a template to compute long-range funding targets for the Michigan CIL Network to serve PWD. The computation applies the following logic: “If the prototype CIL requires a total of \$1.8 million in Core Funding to serve a population of 250,000 people within an area of 4,000 square miles, how much does a CIL require to serve a population of (an identified number of people) within an area

of (an identified number of square miles)?” After consideration of several different possibilities, it was decided that basing 40% of the funding on geographic area, and 60% on population, appeared to produce the most equitable results across the full statewide CIL Network. The resulting computation shows that the prototype CIL requires combined federal and state Core Funding of \$175.00 per square mile and \$4.20 per person. Using these figures to compute comparable Core Funding for the full Michigan IL/CIL Network results in a long-term statewide Core Funding target of \$ 66,506,057.

Analysis of Current Core Funding Levels: The long-term funding targets can be used in analyzing current Core Funding levels. For example, analysis of the statewide combined federal and state Core Funding for FY 2024 shows that it is approximately 24% of the long-term funding targets. Individual CIL comparisons range from about 17%-39% of the long-term funding targets. In accord with established priorities, as additional Core Funding becomes available, it will be allocated in ways that reduce funding disparities and increase the equity of Core Funding across the state, consistent with the long-term funding targets.

| CIL | 2024 Core as % of target |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Ann Arbor CIL | 28% |
| Disability Network Eastern Michigan – Thumb Area (Port Huron) | 33% |
| DN/Capital Area (Lansing) | 31% |
| DAKC (Grand Rapids) | 23% |
| DN/West Michigan (Muskegon) | 33% |
| Disability Connections (Jackson) | 33% |
| DN/Lakeshore (Holland) | 36% |
| <i>DN Eastern Michigan (Berrien Cass) *</i> | <i>17%</i> |
| <i>DN Wayne (Detroit) *</i> | <i>18%</i> |
| <i>DN/Mid-Michigan (Midland) *</i> | <i>22%</i> |
| <i>DN/NM (Traverse City) *</i> | <i>23%</i> |
| DN/SWM (Benton Harbor) | 37% |
| DNSWM (Kalamazoo) | 29% |
| <i>SAIL (Marquette) *</i> | <i>20%</i> |
| TDN (Flint) | 39% |
| TOTAL | 24% |

* Note: CIL’s with the least percentage of core resources needed to serve community



Michigan’s underserved populations are defined as people with disabilities who live in CIL service areas where the CIL’s core funding does not meet the prototype’s minimum IL core funding level of 75% of the CIL’s total budget. When analyzing underserved disability populations by county based on the Michigan CIL prototype, all counties affiliated with Michigan CILs are underserved. However, the Michigan CIL service areas that are the most underserved are Detroit, Oakland/Macomb, mid-Michigan, northern Michigan, and the Upper Peninsula.

Future Use and Updating the Prototype: The Michigan CIL prototype seeks to point to future possibilities. An attempt has been made to outline what would be required in the long term to establish a fully funded statewide CIL Network that would make effective IL supports and services readily available to all Michigan citizens. It reflects what the CIL Network believes is needed, not what would be nice to have or what would be possible to get by with.

Presented in this plan in its initial formulation, the Michigan CIL Prototype has been developed as a flexible planning framework that provides a uniform template for statewide planning and a starting point for individualized local planning. In the Prototype, the CILs have described and projected, from their collective experience, the staffing and other resources believed necessary to establish CIL presence in each community across the state. There is an agreement that, even in its initial formulation, the Michigan CIL Prototype provides a useful tool for systematically analyzing current levels of Core Funding, negotiating plans for long-term development of the

statewide CIL Network, and guiding actions to increase the equity of CIL funding in Michigan.

Distribution of Funds: It is Michigan's intent that all CILs receive an equal amount of available Part B and Part C funds. If the Part C funds are not distributed equally, Part B funds will first be used to provide equality to the extent possible. For example, if 5 CILs receive \$120,000 in Part C funds and 10 CILs receive \$110,000, \$10,000 in Part B funds will be granted to each of the 10 CILs to equal \$120,000. Any remaining Part B funds would be divided equally amongst all CILs.

Relinquished Funds: In the case where a Part C center's grant is relinquished or terminated, the CIL Network in partnership with SILC would evaluate the options for re-establishing a CIL in that same service area. Options may include an already established CIL temporarily providing CIL services until public hearings can be held to obtain feedback from people with disabilities and other stakeholders about the desires of the community. Based upon the feedback, the CIL Network in coordination with SILC and the Administration on Community Living will determine how to proceed. A likely scenario would be to issue a Request For Proposals (RFP) to seek an eligible agency to provide satisfactory assurances consistent with 45 CFR 366.50 to reestablish a Part C funded CIL.

In the event a Title VII, Subchapter B or C funded Center should close or forfeit/lose funding, the Michigan IL Network will make a formal request to the Administration on Community Living on the most beneficial use of funds for the network of Centers for Independent Living in Michigan. The Michigan IL Network believes the opportunity to provide the Administration on Community Living input in this decision increases consumer control and upholds the Independent Living Philosophy and the intent of this Plan, while giving the ability to best respond to the situation and create the best outcome for people with disabilities in Michigan. The IL Network will choose one of the following four options:

1. A redistribution of funds for 180 days to an existing Center to provide IL services to the defined community/area of relinquished funds.
2. Reissuing a new grant competition for the same territory,
3. Issuing a new competition for a new grant in a similar region with possible additions or reductions of counties based on the award amount,
4. A redistribution of funds to existing Centers that follows the distribution as established by this Plan.

Unserved/Underserved: In Michigan's IL Network, unserved populations are defined as people with disabilities who live in counties that are not associated with a Part C funded CIL's service area. Out of Michigan's 83 counties, nine counties are unserved and are primarily located in the mid-west and northeast areas of lower Michigan. Michigan's counties that are unserved by the IL network through Part B and Part C funding are Ionia, Mecosta, Montcalm, Osceola, Alcona, Iosco, Ogemaw, Roscommon, and Lake counties. These counties are served with state funds.

Funding Reductions: In the case where funds are cut or reduced, after the initial equitable and equal distribution of Part B and Part C funds to CILs in accordance with the formula, cuts or reductions will be distributed proportionally among all CILs.

Service Area Changes, Expansion or Adjustments: In the case of a plan for changes to Center service areas and/or funding levels to accommodate expansion and/or adjustment of the Network, Michigan is not currently considering expanding its network based on the CIL funding prototype. Current Part C CIL service areas within the state cover every county except nine which are covered by state funds. Should additional federal funding become available, the funds would be allocated to the existing network. The Michigan funding formula is based upon geography, population, and poverty rate. Therefore, both rural and urban underserved populations take priority with new state funds.

One-Time Funding: In the case where one-time funding becomes available, after the initial equitable and equal distribution of Part B and Part C funds to CILs in accordance with the formula, additional funds will be distributed equally among all CILs.

Carryover Part B Funds: All Part B Funding is awarded during the fiscal year it was awarded. Any unspent amounts leading to carry-over Part B funding will be added to the next years contracts in accordance with Federal Regulations.

Section 4: Designated State Entity

Michigan Rehabilitation Services will serve as the entity in Michigan designated to receive, administer, and account for funds made available to the state under Title VII, Chapter 1, Part B of the Act on behalf of the State. (*Sec. 704(c)*)

4.1 DSE Responsibilities

- (1) receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State under this chapter based on the plan;
- (2) provide administrative support services for a program under Part B, and a program under Part C in a case in which the program is administered by the State under section 723;
- (3) keep such records and afford such access to such records as the Administrator finds to be necessary with respect to the programs;
- (4) submit such additional information or provide such assurances as the Administrator may require with respect to the programs; and
- (5) retain not more than 5 percent of the funds received by the State for any fiscal year under Part B. for the performance of the services outlined in paragraphs (1) through (4).

4.2 Administration and Staffing: DSE Assurances Administrative and staffing support provided by the DSE.

The Designated State Entity (DSE) is Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) and, as such, is responsible for the administration of the Title VII, Part B funds. Michigan Rehabilitation Services has the responsibility of administering state funds, Social Security Reimbursement Funds, and Title VII, Part B funds through contracts with the Centers for Independent Living. MRS, acting as the DSE for Michigan currently does not keep any of the subchapter B funding for administration of the Independent Living Program, but reserves the right to retain up to 5% of the subchapter B funding as described in Section 704 c(5) of the Act amended by

WIOA. Demonstration of the amounts is documented via the annual PPR submission showing the distribution of Part B funding.

The DSE does not provide direct staff support to the SILC. SILC is staffed by employees hired by the Council through its non-profit corporation. The DSE primarily provides administrative support in the form of grant technical assistance, grant monitoring and administering state and federal resources for SILC and the CILs.

4.3 State- Imposed Requirements

State-imposed requirements contained in the provisions of this SPIL including:

- State law, regulation, rule, or policy relating to the DSE's administration, funding, or operation of IL programs, and/or establishment, funding, and operations of the SILC
- Rule or policy implementing any Federal law, regulation, or guideline that is beyond what would be required to comply with 45 CFR 1329
- That limits, expands, or alters requirements for the SPIL

Consumer Management Database Usage:

Through the CIL contracts with the DSE, all CIL grantees are required to utilize consumer management software to document services provided under their agreement(s).

The software must be able to do the following:

- Provide standards and assurances requirements in 45 CFR 75 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards.
- Document the service, number of hours, grant source, and case note for each entry.
- Produce a Personal Allocation Report (PAR) which complies with all requirements listed in 45 CFR 75.
- Separate time spent on agreement and administrative services (direct and indirect costs).
- Generate a report (in original form) demonstrating direct hours supporting agreement activities as captured in PAR documentation.
- Provide assurances that staff are properly trained to use of the software.
- Certify all services provided through this agreement are accurately documented in the software.

4.4 Grant Process & Distribution of Funds

Grant processes, policies, and procedures to be followed by the DSE in the awarding of grants of Part B funds.

The Program Enhancement Division (PED) of Michigan Rehabilitation Services has created a process for soliciting continuation funding proposals for both subchapter B and State of Michigan Funding. All proposals are submitted in a format approved by the department. Each submitted proposal must contain adherence to all contract stipulations, state/federal requirements and include both a workplan with measurable targets and a budget which is reasonable, allowable, and allocable.

MRS contract and financial staff will review each proposal on the following:

- Evaluation of a comprehensive risk assessment which includes a scoring matrix ranking based upon review of submitted annual audit reports, adherence to all report deadlines, financial solvency of the grantee, and previous work plan performance.
- Review of grantee submitted financial documentation to ensure budgeting of funding is reasonable, allowable, and applicable per 45 CFR 1329 requirements.
- Review and approval of grantee measurable work targets as part of the submitted work plan.

Proposals for new awards will be processed based upon the same method, with the exception of evaluation, to determine if the proposal needs to go out for public bidding. If a new proposal requires a public bidding, a review team will be created comprised of DSE, SILC and other required membership.

Grant agreements between MRS and the individual CILs provide certification of a wide array of applicable grant requirements and assurances, including fiscal control and fund source accounting assurances. Adherence by the CILs to this certification is verified through MRS review of the CILs annual certified financial reviews/audits, including follow-up on CIL response to significant recommendations made by the financial reviewer/auditor.

For its state IL program, the Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind People (BSBP) undertakes fiscal control and fund accounting requirements which are in accord with federal, state, and departmental policies and procedures.

4.5 Oversight Process for Part B Funds

The oversight process to be followed by the DSE.

The Program Enhancement Division (PED) of Michigan Rehabilitation Services (DSE) is the oversight division for both Subchapter B and funding allocated by the State of Michigan for Independent Living services. The oversight process is based upon 45 CFR 1329, ACL Comp review guide, and Michigan law. These processes include:

Post-Award:

- All requests for reimbursement are reviewed and placed into a financial dashboard. PED staff then verify to ensure all costs are not out of normal spending patterns and are not beyond contracted amounts. Any questions/discrepancies are addressed prior to payment.
- Monthly, staff from PED review all supporting documentation for a grantee's reimbursement request. CIL reviews are conducted by the PED monthly with one CIL being chosen per month for review and their monthly financial statements for review are chosen at random from previously submitted statements of expenditures. The intent of the review is to ensure all reimbursed expenses adhere to 45 CFR 1329 requirements. If areas of non-compliance are discovered, a corrective action plan will be initiated.

- Quarterly, PED staff will perform an on-site monitoring visit of a grantee receiving subchapter B or state funding. This review is conducted using both the ACL on-site guide for program and financial adherence and the PED on-site checklist for state funding. A report is generated for the grantee and presented to their board of directors. If areas of non-compliance are discovered, a corrective action plan will be initiated.
- Quarterly, PED staff will review grantee work plan targets to ensure contracted services are being provided. Any deviation from the approved contract will be addressed with the grantee. If necessary, a corrective action plan may be initiated.

The DSE maintains records that fully disclose and document all grant information. In addition, all Michigan CILs sign grant agreements accepting responsibility for maintenance of and access to the cited records which fully disclose and document the information listed in 45 CFR 364.35

CILs and SILC sign grant agreements with MRS assuring they will submit annual performance and financial reports and their annual PPR reports to the Administration on Community Living

The Requirements and Assurances signed by CILs and SILC for their MRS grants certify that access will be provided to any duly authorized DSE representative for the purpose of conducting audits, examinations and compliance reviews the information listed in 45 CFR 364.37.

4.6 722 vs. 723 State

Check one:

- 722 (if checked, will move to Section 5)
 723 (if checked, will move to Section 4.7)

4.7 723 States

Order of priorities for allocating funds amounts to Centers, agreed upon by the SILC and Centers, and any differences from 45 CFR 1329.21 & 1329.22.

How state policies, practices, and procedures governing the awarding of grants to Centers and oversight of the Centers are consistent with 45 CFR 1329.5, 1329.6, & 1329.22.

Section 5: Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

5.1 Establishment of SILC

How the SILC is established and SILC autonomy is assured.

The SILC was established in 1994 by Executive Order No. 1994-21, subsequently amended by Executive Order No. 2007-49, 2016-11, and 2020-130. SILC is created and functions independently of any state agency, including the DSE, and is placed within the Office of the Governor.

SILC operates with funding under state grants and agreements with SILC staff employed through its private, 501(c) (3) corporation MiSILC. The membership of the MiSILC Corporation is comprised of voting council members. The MiSILC Corporation board service terms match the terms of Governor appointment dates to the Council to ensure the Council is independently in control of its own resources.

The SILC Executive Director is supervised and evaluated by the SILC. The Executive Director is an Ex-Officio non-voting member of the MiSILC Corporation. Operationally, additional SILC staff work under supervision of the SILC Executive Director to coordinate efforts carrying out commitments of the SPIL.

5.2 SILC Resource plan

Resources (including necessary and sufficient funding, staff/administrative support, and in-kind), by funding source and amount, for SILC to fulfill all duties and authorities.

Process used to develop the Resource Plan.

Process for disbursement of funds to facilitate effective operations of SILC.

Justification if more than 30% of the Part B appropriation is to be used for the SILC Resource Plan.

In order for SILC to fulfill all duties and authorities, SILC's resource plan includes: \$84,895 of Chapter 1, Part B funds, \$231,350 of Innovation and Expansion funds, and \$70,000 of state IL funds. In-kind administrative support is provided by the DSE in the form of technical assistance and grant oversight.

SILC resources will be used specifically for the following expenses:

- SILC staffing, office occupancy, communications, supplies, insurance, professional fees including accounting and audit services, equipment, , and professional memberships;
- SPIL support costs for SILC members to fulfill their statutory duties including in and out of state trainings, travel, accommodations, public meetings, public hearings, advocacy, surveys, and outreach. SPIL costs of up to \$\$85,000 for a SILC statewide outreach initiative;
- SPIL costs of up to \$\$40,000 for a statewide advocacy initiative;

SILC administrative support is provided by two SILC staff members who are not state employees and are employed by SILC through the SILC's non-profit corporation. The DSE does not provide direct staff support to the SILC. The DSE primarily provides in-kind administrative support in the form of grant technical assistance, grant monitoring and administering state and federal resources for SILC and the CILs.

The SILC Resource plan is developed by the SILC based on the SPIL. Annually, the budget is developed by SILC staff and council members, after a comprehensive evaluation of the necessary resources to fulfill the mission of SILC, the implementation of the SPIL, and the cost of operations is completed. The draft budget is then presented to the Council for approval. Once the Council approves the budget it is

presented to the DSE for feedback. The resource plan is created during the 2nd quarter of the fiscal year and presented to the DSE in July of each year.

The SILC delegates day-to-day operations to the SILC staff that are responsible to ensure the proper expenditure of funding under the SILC resource plan. This occurs by:

- Yearly audits of SILC finances by an outside auditing firm.
- Adherence to the contract requirements with MRS/BSBP
- Monthly financial reports to the Executive Committee and SILC Treasurer.
- Quarterly presentation of a financial report to the council
- Compliance with SILC financial policies
- Financial Contract with CPA firm to ensure proper allocation and financial documentation.

All contracts are evaluated to ensure there are no conditions or requirements which compromise the independence of SILC. Legal opinion is obtained if there is any question of SILCs independence being compromised.

SILC resource and work plans are constructed to be reliant on the contracted resources in existence during the State Plan period. SILC staff continually evaluates and presents cost savings options to the council and DSE in order to stay within the approved resource plan.

The process utilized by the DSE to ensure timely disbursement of funds for the SILC resource plan and CILs is achieved by following State of Michigan's administration guidelines for standard of promptness in payment. Upon receipt for reimbursement from the SILC, the DSE has 10 days to process and reimburse SILC and CILs for allowable expenses. This allows for uninterrupted operations and effectiveness. SILC utilizes an electronic accounting system with built in checks and balances and separation of staff duties to mitigate financial risk. All invoices are verified and uploaded into the system prior to authorization for payment.

5.3 Maintenance of SILC

How State will maintain SILC over the course of the SPIL.¹

The State ensures SILC is established and operational and appointments are made in a timely manner in several ways. The DSE is an ex-officio member of the council and attends all meetings. The DSE's council membership allows for direct interaction with the council's business operations and affords the DSE with knowledge of SILC's status and compliance. Contracts with the SILC and the DSE for resources also contain a quarterly reporting requirement on all SILC standards and indicators. The State ensures SILC has sufficient resources to fulfill its statutory duties through the annual budget process.

SILC has an ongoing relationship with the Governor's Appointments Office and provides guidance on regulatory requirements for SILC composition and candidates for potential appointment to the Council. SILC maintains an appointments log to ensure regulatory composition requirements and regularly communicates term limits and reappointment dates to

the Appointments Office to ensure SILC vacancies are filled in a timely manner. SILC was created by Executive Order and the Council is placed within the Governor's office to ensure that it is independent of any state department and has the autonomy necessary to fulfill its duties and authorities as evidenced in the Executive Order. SILC staffing is achieved through the SILC's non-profit corporation acting as the employer of record for SILC staff where the Executive Director and a Director of Operations provide administrative and operational support to the SILC in carrying out SILC's regulatory requirements. Through a resource plan collaborative process with the SILC, the DSE ensures that the SILC has the capacity to fulfill its statutory duties and authorities.

Section 6: Legal Basis and Certifications

6.1 Designated State Entity (DSE)

The state entity/agency designated to receive and distribute funding, as directed by the SPIL, under Title VII, Part B of the Act is Michigan Rehabilitation Services.

Authorized representative of the DSE Sigrid Adams Title Deputy Director.

6.2 Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) that meets the requirements of section 705 of the Act and is authorized to perform the functions outlined in section 705(c) of the Act in the State is Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council.

6.3 Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

The Centers for Independent Living (CILs) eligible to sign the SPIL, a minimum of 51% whom must sign prior to submission, are:

- Julie Shaw, Executive Director, Superior Alliance for Independent Living
- Alanna Lahey, Executive Director, Disability Network Northern Michigan
- Will Wilson, Executive Director, Disability Network West Michigan
- Amanda Rhines, Executive Director, Disability Network Lakeshore
- Yvonne Fleener, Executive Director, Disability Network Southwest Michigan and Disability Network Southwest Michigan Berrien/Cass
- Dave Bulkowski, Executive Director, Disability Advocates of Kent County
- Kelly Pelong, Executive Director, Disability Network Mid-Michigan
- Mark Pierce, Executive Director, Disability Network Capital Area
- Luke Zelle, Executive Director, The Disability Network
- Jon Hart, Executive Director, disAbility Connections Inc.
- Alex Gossage, Executive Director, Disability Network Washtenaw Monroe Livingston
- Kelly Winn, Executive Director, Disability Network Eastern Michigan Thumb Area
- Lori Hill, Executive Director, Disability Network Wayne County/Detroit

6.4 Authorizations

6.4.a. The SILC is authorized to submit the SPIL to the Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living. Yes_ (Yes/No)

6.4.b. The SILC and CILs may legally carry out each provision of the SPIL. Yes_ (Yes/No)

6.4.c. State/DSE operation and administration of the program is authorized by the SPIL.
Yes ___ (Yes/No)

Section 7: DSE Assurances

Sigrid Adams acting on behalf of the DSE Michigan Rehabilitation Services located at P.O. Box 30010, Lansing, MI 48909, 517-342-3342, AdamsS1@michigan.gov *45 CFR 1329.11* assures that:

- 7.1. The DSE acknowledges its role on behalf of the State, as the fiscal intermediary to receive, account for, and disburse funds received by the State to support Independent Living Services in the state based on the plan;
- 7.2. The DSE will assure that the agency keeps appropriate records, in accordance with federal and state law, and provides access to records by the federal funding agency upon request;
- 7.3. The DSE will not retain more than 5 percent of the funds received by the State for any fiscal year under Part B for administrative expenses;¹
- 7.4. The DSE assures that the SILC is established as an autonomous entity within the state as required in *45 CFR 1329.14*;
- 7.5. The DSE will not interfere with the business or operations of the SILC that include but are not limited to:
 1. Expenditure of federal funds
 2. Meeting schedules and agendas
 3. SILC board business
 4. Voting actions of the SILC board
 5. Personnel actions
 6. Allowable travel
 7. Trainings
- 7.6. The DSE will abide by SILC determination of whether the SILC wants to utilize DSE staff:
 1. If the SILC informs the DSE that the SILC wants to utilize DSE staff, the DSE assures that management of such staff with regard to activities and functions performed for the SILC is the sole responsibility of the SILC in accordance with Sec. 705(e)(3) of the Act (Sec. 705(e)(3), 29 U.S.C.796d(e)(3)).
- 7.7. The DSE will fully cooperate with the SILC in the nomination and appointment process for the SILC in the state;
- 7.8. The DSE shall make timely and prompt payments to Part B funded SILCs and CILs:

1. When the reimbursement method is used, the DSE must make a payment within 30 calendar days after receipt of the billing, unless the agency or pass-through entity reasonably believes the request to be improper;
2. When necessary, the DSE will advance payments to Part B funded SILCs and CILs to cover its estimated disbursement needs for an initial period generally geared to the mutually agreed upon disbursing cycle; and
3. The DSE will accept requests for advance payments and reimbursements at least monthly when electronic fund transfers are not used, and as often as necessary when electronic fund transfers are used, in accordance with the provisions of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693-1693r).

The signature below indicates this entity/agency's agreement to: serve as the DSE and fulfill all the responsibilities in Sec. 704(c) of the Act; affirm the State will comply with the aforementioned assurances during the three-year period of this SPIL; and develop, with the SILC, and ensure that the SILC resource plan is necessary and sufficient (in compliance with section 8, indicator (6) below) for the SILC to fulfill its statutory duties and authorities under Sec. 705(c) of the Act, consistent with the approved SPIL.¹

Sigrid Adams, Michigan Rehabilitation Services Deputy Director

Name and Title of DSE director/authorized representative.

Signature

Date

Electronic signature may be used for the purposes of submission, but hard copy of signature must be kept on file by the SILC.

Section 8: Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Assurances and Indicators of Minimum Compliance

8.1 Assurances

Jamia Davis acting on behalf of the SILC Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council located at PO Box 71, Middleville, MI 49333, 833-808-74523, jamia@misilc.org *45 CFR 1329.14* assures that:

- (1) The SILC regularly (not less than annually) provides the appointing authority recommendations for eligible appointments;
- (2) The SILC is composed of the requisite members set forth in the Act;¹
- (3) The SILC terms of appointment adhere to the Act;¹
- (4) The SILC is not established as an entity within a state agency in accordance with 45 CFR Sec. 1329.14(b);
- (5) The SILC will make the determination of whether it wants to utilize DSE staff to carry out the functions of the SILC;
 - a. The SILC must inform the DSE if it chooses to utilize DSE staff;

- b. The SILC assumes management and responsibility of such staff with regard to activities and functions performed for the SILC in accordance with the Act.¹
- (6) The SILC shall ensure all program activities are accessible to people with disabilities;
- (7) The State Plan shall provide assurances that the designated State entity, any other agency, office, or entity of the State will not interfere with operations of the SILC, except as provided by law and regulation and;
- (8) The SILC actively consults with unserved and underserved populations in urban and rural areas that include, indigenous populations as appropriate for State Plan development as described in Sec. 713(b)(7) the Act regarding Authorized Uses of Funds.¹

Section 8.2 Indicators of Minimum Compliance

Indicators of minimum compliance for Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILC) as required by the Rehabilitation Act (Section 706(b), 29 U.S.C. Sec 796d-1(b)), as amended and supported by 45 CFR 1329.14-1329.16; and Assurances for Designated State Entities (DSE) as permitted by Section 704(c)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. Sec. 796c(c)(4)), as amended.

(a) STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL INDICATORS. –

- (1) SILC written policies and procedures must include:
 - a. A method for recruiting members, reviewing applications, and regularly providing recommendations for eligible appointments to the appointing authority;
 - b. A method for identifying and resolving actual or potential disputes and conflicts of interest that are in compliance with State and federal law;
 - c. A process to hold public meetings and meet regularly as prescribed in 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(3);
 - d. A process and timelines for advance notice to the public of SILC meetings in compliance with State and federal law and 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(3);
 - e. A process and timeline for advance notice to the public for SILC “Executive Session” meetings, that are closed to the public, that follow applicable federal and State laws;
 - i. “Executive Session” meetings should be rare and only take place to discuss confidential SILC issues such as but not limited to staffing.
 - ii. Agendas for “Executive Session” meetings must be made available to the public, although personal identifiable information regarding SILC staff shall not be included;
 - f. A process and timelines for the public to request reasonable accommodations to participate during a public Council meeting;
 - g. A method for developing, seeking, and incorporating public input into, monitoring, reviewing, and evaluating implementation of the State Plan as required in 45 CFR 1329.17; and

- h. A process to verify centers for independent living are eligible to sign the State Plan in compliance with 45 CFR 1329.17(d)(2)(iii).
- (2) The SILC maintains regular communication with the appointing authority to ensure efficiency and timeliness of the appointment process.
 - (3) The SILC maintains individual training plans for members that adhere to the SILC Training and Technical Assistance Center's SILC training curriculum.
 - (4) The SILC receives public input into the development of the State Plan for Independent Living in accordance with 45 CFR 1329.17(f) ensuring:
 - a. Adequate documentation of the State Plan development process, including but not limited to, a written process setting forth how input will be gathered from the state's centers for independent living and individuals with disabilities throughout the state, and the process for how the information collected is considered.
 - b. All meetings regarding State Plan development and review are open to the public and provides advance notice of such meetings in accordance with existing State and federal laws and 45 CFR 1329.17(f)(2)(i)-(ii);
 - c. Meetings seeking public input regarding the State Plan provides advance notice of such meetings in accordance with existing State and federal laws, and 45 CFR 1329.17(f)(2)(i);
 - d. Public meeting locations, where public input is being taken, are accessible to all people with disabilities, including, but not limited to:
 - i. proximity to public transportation,
 - ii. physical accessibility, and
 - iii. effective communication and accommodations that include auxiliary aids and services, necessary to make the meeting accessible to all people with disabilities.
 - e. Materials available electronically must be 508 compliant and, upon request, available in alternative and accessible format including other commonly spoken languages.
 - (5) The SILC monitors, reviews and evaluates the State Plan in accordance with 45 CFR 1329.15(a)(2) ensuring:
 - a. Timely identification of revisions needed due to any material change in State law, state organization, policy or agency operations that affect the administration of the State Plan approved by the Administration for Community Living.
 - (6) The SILC State Plan resource plan includes:
 - a. Sufficient funds received from:
 - i. Title VII, Part B funds;
 1. If the resource plan includes Title VII, Part B funds, the State Plan provides justification of the percentage of Part B funds to be used if the percentage exceeds 30 percent of Title VII, Part B funds received by the State;

- ii. Funds for innovation and expansion activities under Sec. 101(a)(18) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 721(a)(18), as applicable;
 - iii. Other public and private sources.
- b. The funds needed to support:
- i. Staff/personnel;
 - ii. Operating expenses;
 - iii. Council compensation and expenses;
 - iv. Meeting expenses including meeting space, alternate formats, interpreters, and other accommodations;
 - v. Resources to attend and/or secure training and conferences for staff and council members and;
 - vi. Other costs as appropriate.

The signature below indicates the SILC’s agreement to comply with the aforementioned assurances and indicators:

Jamia Davis

Name of SILC chairperson

Signature

Date

Electronic signature may be used for the purposes of submission, but hard copy of signature must be kept on file by the SILC.

Section 9: Signatures

The signatures below are of the SILC chairperson and at least 51 percent of the directors of the centers for independent living listed in section 6.3. These signatures indicate that the Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council and the centers for independent living in the state agree with and intend to fully implement this SPIL’s content. These signatures also indicate that this SPIL is complete and ready for submission to the Independent Living Administration, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health, and Human Services.

The effective date of this SPIL is October 1, 2024 (year)

SIGNATURE OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

DATE

Jamia Davis

NAME OF SILC CHAIRPERSON

Superior Alliance for Independent Living

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR

DATE

Julie Shaw

NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

Disability Network of Northern Michigan

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Disability Network of West Michigan

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Will Wilson

NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

Disability Network Lakeshore

NAME OF CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (CIL)

SIGNATURE OF CIL DIRECTOR

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Amanda Rhines

NAME OF CIL DIRECTOR

Disability Network Southwest Michigan and Disability Network Southwest Michigan/Berrien and Cass

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¹ 1329.17(d)(2)(iii)