



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
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JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

JANET OLSZEWSKI
DIRECTOR

July 3, 2007

Dear Tribal Chair:

Re: Notification of Intent to submit the MI Choice Home and Community Based Waiver Renewal Application

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is notifying you of its intent to submit a waiver renewal application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to continue operation of the MI Choice Home and Community Based Waiver program. This is a 1915 (c) waiver that allows the state to provide services to individuals demonstrating need for nursing facility level of care who, but for the provision of such services, would require care in a nursing facility.

The content of this waiver has not changed significantly since the last time it was approved by CMS. However, the state is requesting to add a new service called Community Living Supports with this renewal package. The state is also requesting permission to expand its self determination program from availability in four pilot areas to statewide status.

If you would like to review the content of the waiver document, please contact my staff and arrangements will be made to provide an electronic copy to you. You may request this by sending an e-mail to MSAPolicy@michigan.gov. If you would like to discuss the waiver renewal package, please contact Mary Anne Tribble, Medicaid liaison to the Michigan tribes. Mary Anne can be reached at (517) 241-7185, or via e-mail at Tribblema@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Reinhart".

Paul Reinhart, Director
Medical Services Administration

cc:

Cynthia Garraway, Region V, CMS
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