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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Notice of Intent to Submit a Request for a §1915(b)(4) Waiver to Operate Concurrently with Michigan's §1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Children's Waiver Program (CWP)

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is notifying you of its intent to submit a request for a §1915(b)(4) waiver to operate concurrently with Michigan's Children's Waiver Program (CWP). The purpose of this request is to address structural issues raised by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) about service provision in the CWP, specifically "freedom of choice." If approved, this waiver would restrict provision of waiver services to entities certified by MDCH as Community Mental Health Service Programs (CMHSPs). The request for a Fee-for-Service (FFS) Selective Contracting with CMHSPs under a §1915(b)(4) waiver will be submitted to CMS by April 1, 2011, with a requested effective date of 10/1/2011. MDCH will request the §1915(b)(4) Waiver to operate concurrently with the CWP for waiver years two through five (Fiscal Year 2012 – Fiscal Year 2015).

This request will have no impact on Tribal Governments or on Tribal members, as it simply formalizes the service delivery model that has been in place since the inception of the CWP, i.e., CMHSPs will continue to directly provide or contract for services for all children enrolled in the CWP and will continue to carry out a variety of administrative functions delegated to them by MDCH.

You may submit comments regarding this Notice of Intent to [msapolicy@michigan.gov](mailto:msapolicy@michigan.gov). If you would like to discuss the Notice of Intent, 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](mailto:tribblema@michigan.gov).

There is no public hearing scheduled for this waiver application.

Sincerely,

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