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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Notice of Intent to Submit a State Plan Amendment Regarding the Medicaid Asset Verification System

This letter serves as notice of intent of the Michigan Department of Community Health to submit a State Plan Amendment regarding the Medicaid Asset Verification System. This letter is being sent to comply with Section 1940 of the Social Security Act (SSA).

Section 1940 of the SSA requires states to add "asset verification programs" to their Medicaid plans. Individuals whose eligibility is being determined or redetermined (and others whose finances are relevant to eligibility) must authorize the state agency to obtain records from any financial institution in connection with the eligibility determination in order to verify the individual's assets. The verification program is to be "consistent with the approach of the Commissioner of Social Security" under Section 1631 of the SSA. Individuals who refuse or revoke their authorization may be determined ineligible for medical assistance.

The Michigan Department of Community Health will be implementing the Asset Verification System in compliance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services directives.

You may submit comments regarding this Notice of Intent to 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.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this Request for Amendment.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Jerilyn Church, American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeastern Michigan
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