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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Notice of Intent to Submit a Request for Amendment to Michigan's Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Children's Waiver Program authorized under the §1915(c) of the Social Security Act (control number 4119.R05.00)

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is notifying you of its intent to submit a request for an amendment to the HCBS Children's Waiver Program (CWP). This letter is in compliance with Section 6505 of the Affordable Care Act.

The purpose of this amendment is to:

1. Increase the unduplicated number of participants who are served in Waiver fiscal years (FY) 2012 through FY 2015.
2. Implement a limitation on the number of participants served at any point in time in Waiver FY 2012 through FY 2015.
3. Revise the limits on amount, frequency, or duration of Respite Services. The 14 days of vacation respite will be deleted effective October 1, 2011, and procedures will be revised so the available monthly respite allocation can be "carried forward" and used to accommodate families' wishes for a longer period of respite.
4. Revise the limits on amount, frequency, or duration of Specialty Services (i.e., music, art, recreation, and massage therapies) effective October 1, 2011.
5. Update references to the §1915(b)(4) waiver, currently pending CMS approval, to run concurrently with the CWP for Waiver Years FY 2012 through FY 2015.

Although there is no direct impact on Tribal Governments, and no Tribal members are currently enrolled in the CWP, this notice of intent is being provided because the request for amendment includes revisions to currently approved waiver services.

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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