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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Notice of Intent to Submit a State Plan Amendment regarding changes in the Estate Recovery Program.

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is notifying you of its intent to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to implement changes involving the Michigan Estate Recovery Program.

The SPA will change the review process and applicability of undue hardship waivers granted under the Estate Recovery Program. These changes will assist MDCH in ensuring that a hardship actually exists for the applicant prior to granting a waiver from estate recovery. A review of the applicant's income level and other resources will be incorporated into the review process. MDCH does not anticipate that this will affect members of Michigan Tribes.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this Notice of Intent, you may submit them via e-mail to msapolicy@michigan.gov. If you would like to discuss this 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 tribblem1@michigan.gov.

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

Sincerely,

Stephen Fitton, Director
Medical Services Administration

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Pamela Carson, Region V, CMS
Ashley Tuomi, MHPA, Executive Director, American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeastern Michigan
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