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May 15, 2012

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Notice of Intent to submit a State Plan Amendment for Long Term Care Beneficiaries Eligibility

This letter, in compliance with Section 6505 of the Affordable Care Act, serves as notice of intent to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors of the request by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to submit a State Plan Amendment.

The purpose of this amendment is to assure that homestead expenses incurred by Medicaid eligible Long Term Care residents are deducted from their income when determining the amount of the Patient Payment Amount charged for their care.

This State Plan Amendment, 2.6-A page 5, establishes an amount to be used for maintenance of a single individual's homestead (including apartments) when the beneficiary is a resident of a Long Term Care Facility for not longer than 6 months.

The maximum amount allowed for maintenance of the homestead will be \$698.00 per month. The homestead allowance will be deducted only if a physician has certified that the beneficiary is likely to return home within 6 months of admittance to the Long Term Care Facility.

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 [tribblem1@michigan.gov](mailto:tribblem1@michigan.gov).

There is no public hearing scheduled for this SPA.

Sincerely,

Stephen Fitton, Director  
Medical Services Administration

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