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May 1, 2013

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Renewal of MI Choice Waiver

This letter, in compliance with Section 6505 of the Affordable Care Act, serves as a revised notice of intent to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors of the request by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to submit waiver applications for MI Choice. This letter is to inform you of changes that have been made in the proposal which will affect MI Choice.

Consultation letter L 12-29, dated July 26, 2012 provided notification to Tribal Chairs and Health Directors of the intent by MDCH to submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) a Section 1915(c) renewal application for the MI Choice waiver and to request a Section 1915(b)(4) application to operate concurrently with the MI Choice waiver.

The initial intent of MDCH was to restrict the provision of waiver services to MI Choice waiver agencies by requesting the Section 1915(b)(4) application and to continue the MI Choice waiver, which is set to expire, pending CMS approval, on September 30, 2013.

The revised applications, with an effective date of October 1, 2013, include a change to a capitated reimbursement model from a fee-for-service reimbursement model and the submission of a Section 1915(b)(1)(4) waiver application that requires MI Choice waiver agencies to become Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plans.

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 tribblem1@michigan.gov.

There is no public hearing scheduled for these waiver applications.

Sincerely,

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