



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
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RICK SNYDER
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DIRECTOR

January 27, 2015

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Medicaid Expansion

This letter, in compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security 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 to expand Title XIX Medicaid to include children eligible for Title XXI MICHild.

Michigan initially informed the Tribal Chairs and Health Directors on November 5, 2014 that the State of Michigan would be pursuing an 1115 waiver amendment to expand Title XIX Medicaid to include children eligible for Title XXI MICHild. The State Plan Amendment allowing Title XIX Medicaid coverage to extend to include Title XXI MICHild will be submitted in place of the 1115 waiver amendment originally proposed.

The State Plan Amendment, as with the originally proposed waiver amendment, will bring the State of Michigan into compliance with the federal regulations requiring that beneficiaries have more than one health plan from which to choose in each county. All Medicaid rules will apply to the Medicaid expansion group, including coverage for non-emergency medical transportation. The expanded Medicaid group will continue to be comprised of uninsured children whose family income is between 160-212% of the Federal Poverty Level. Native Americans enrolled in the expanded Medicaid group will continue to be exempt from paying monthly premiums.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this State Plan Amendment. Input regarding this State Plan Amendment is highly encouraged, and comments regarding this Notice of Intent may be submitted to Lorna Elliott-Egan, MDCH Liaison to the Michigan Tribes. Lorna can be reached at (517) 373-4963 or via e-mail at Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov. **Please provide all input by February 27, 2015.**

In addition, MDCH is offering to set up group or individual meetings for the purposes of consultation in order to discuss this State Plan Amendment, according to the tribes' preference. This consultation meeting will allow tribes the opportunity to address any concerns and voice any suggestions, revisions, or objections to be relayed to the author of the proposal. If you would like additional information or wish to schedule a consultation meeting, please contact Lorna Elliott-Egan at the telephone number or email address provided above.

MDCH appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to care for the residents of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Fitton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen Fitton, Director
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