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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Short Stay Reimbursement

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.

Pending approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Michigan Medicaid State Plan will establish a new short hospital stay rate of reimbursement for certain outpatient and inpatient stays effective for outpatient dates of service or inpatient discharges on and after July 1, 2015. This change will affect roughly one percent of total inpatient and outpatient hospital claims, and the short stay rate will encompass funding for both operating and capital costs. The rate will be identical for inpatient and outpatient services, and will encompass all services billed on the claim. If a claim does not qualify for the short stay rate, it will be reimbursed using the normally applicable inpatient or outpatient reimbursement logic.

The short hospital stay rate will be developed using Medicaid hospital Fee-for-Service paid claims and managed care encounters that meet the short hospital stay criteria. This change will be completed in a manner that is budget neutral to the State of Michigan. The State of Michigan expects these changes will have little or no impact on tribal members.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this State Plan Amendment. Input regarding this 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](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov). **Please provide all input by April 7, 2015.**

In addition, MDCH is offering to set up group or individual meetings for the purposes of consultation in order to discuss this 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.

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

Sincerely,



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