



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
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RICK SNYDER
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DIRECTOR

March 18, 2015

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Primary Care Health Homes Pilot

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 (SPA).

The State of Michigan appropriated funds to implement a primary care health homes pilot project in Michigan's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), in accordance with Section 2703 of the Affordable Care Act. The pilot project will be focused on beneficiaries served in the primary care setting who have at least one behavioral health condition and either the presence or risk of another chronic health condition. MDCH will solicit applications from qualifying entities that would like to be designated as health homes. Tribal and Urban Health Centers that meet health homes provider qualifications and standards may be eligible to apply.

Health homes will function as the central point of contact for directing patient-centered care across all elements of the broader health care system. They will be required to maintain a robust care coordination program in an effort to reduce avoidable health care costs and improve the overall quality of life for the beneficiary. This may include referrals to appropriate community and support services as needed. Native American beneficiaries with a qualifying health condition will be eligible to enroll in the pilot program if they wish. Participation is voluntary and enrolled beneficiaries may opt-out at any time. MDCH will notify eligible beneficiaries of the opportunity to enroll and provide them with the name and location of the nearest health homes provider.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this SPA. 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. **Please provide all input by April 19, 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.

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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