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April 29, 2015

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: MI Choice Waiver Amendment on Level of Care Determination

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 Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to submit a waiver amendment for the MI Choice program to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The purpose of the amendment is to implement an independent nursing facility level of care determination process by contracting with an outside entity through a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the MI Choice program to comply with the federal requirements. This entity will replace the MI Choice waiver agencies in administering the nursing facility level of care determination. MDHHS will also update the MI Choice performance measures to comply with current CMS regulations. The effective date of this waiver amendment is October 1, 2015 pending CMS approval. MDHHS anticipates a positive impact for MI Choice waiver beneficiaries, including Native Americans, because an independent nursing facility level of care determination process will be done.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this waiver amendment. Input regarding this waiver amendment is highly encouraged and comments regarding this Notice of Intent may be submitted to Lorna Elliott-Egan, MDHHS 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 June 1, 2015.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual meetings for the purposes of consultation in order to discuss this waiver 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 e-mail address provided above.

MDHHS 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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