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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Section 1115 Waiver Amendment Regarding Cost-Sharing Requirements

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 Section 1115 waiver amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the Healthy Michigan Plan.

The purpose of the amendment is to implement Michigan State law MCL 400.105d. The law requires individuals who have incomes between 100% and 133% of the federal poverty guidelines and who have had medical assistance coverage for 48 cumulative months beginning on the date of their enrollment into the program to choose either to change their eligibility status and purchase private insurance through the exchange, or to remain in the medical assistance program with increased cost-sharing requirements up to 7% of income, with required contributions of 3.5% of income. It is anticipated that the amendment will have minimal impact on Native Americans pursuant to the exemptions set forth under 42 CFR §447.56(a)(1)(x).

Telephonic consultation regarding the waiver amendment is scheduled to occur at 9:00 a.m. on June 26, 2015. The consultation will provide an overview and discussion of the waiver amendment. Contact information for participating in the telephonic consultation will be distributed in the near future. Additionally, persons may contact Lorna Elliott-Egan, MDHHS Liaison to the Michigan Tribes, at 517-373-4963, or via email at [Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov) to obtain contact information regarding the telephonic consultation. Input regarding this waiver amendment is highly encouraged, and comments regarding this Notice of Intent may be submitted to Lorna Elliott-Egan at the telephone number or email address provided above. **Please provide all input regarding the waiver amendment by July 31, 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 email address provided above.

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

Sincerely,



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