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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Primary Care Health Homes Project

This letter is an update to Letter L 15-19 dated March 18, 2015, and is intended to provide additional information regarding the health homes benefit that will be available for Tribal and Urban Health Centers.

In compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act, this letter serves as additional 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 State Plan Amendments (SPAs) to add the health homes benefit to the Medicaid State Plan and to the Alternate Benefit Plan benefit package for the Healthy Michigan Plan.

The health homes benefit is for Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries served in the primary care setting within selected geographic areas. Beneficiaries must have at least one targeted behavioral health condition and the presence of another program defined chronic health condition. MDHHS intends to solicit applications from qualifying entities that would like to be designated as health homes by the end of the year. Tribal and Urban Health Centers that meet health homes provider qualifications and standards may be eligible to apply. The anticipated effective date for this new benefit is April 1, 2016.

As a reminder, participating health homes sites must maintain a robust care coordination program and will function as the central point of contact for directing patient-centered care across all elements of the broader health care system. Native American beneficiaries with a qualifying health condition will be eligible to enroll in the program if they wish. Participation is voluntary and enrolled beneficiaries may opt-out at any time. MDHHS will notify eligible beneficiaries of the opportunity to enroll and provide them with the name and location of the nearest health homes provider.

Additional face-to-face consultation regarding these amendments will occur at the next scheduled Michigan Tribal Health Directors Association's Quarterly Tribal Health Directors meeting on October 14, 2015 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. The consultation will provide a project status update and discussion of the amendments.

Input regarding these amendments 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 email at Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov. **Please provide all input regarding this notice by October 19, 2015.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual meetings for the purposes of consultation in order to discuss these amendments, 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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