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October 7, 2015

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Notice of Intent to Submit a State Plan Amendment to Enroll Marriage and Family Therapists as Medicaid Providers

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 State Plan Amendment.

Pending approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the State Plan will allow fully-licensed marriage and family therapists to become enrolled with Michigan Medicaid to provide and be directly reimbursed for outpatient behavioral health services.

Providers in Michigan must be currently licensed by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Out-of-state providers must be licensed by the appropriate standard-setting authority in the state they are practicing. To comply with 42 CFR 431.110, licensed health professionals employed by a tribal health program must be licensed in good standing in at least one state, but do not need to be licensed in the State where they are practicing.

The enrollment of these providers will increase the availability of behavioral health services to beneficiaries, especially those who receive Medicaid services through tribal health clinics or Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

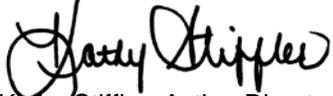
The anticipated effective date of this State Plan Amendment is April 1, 2016.

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, 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 November 21, 2015.**

In addition, MDHHS 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.

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 "Kathy Stiffler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Stiffler, Acting Director
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