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December 18, 2015

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: New Section 1115 Waiver Proposal – Pathway to Integration

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 new Section 1115 Waiver.

MDHHS is seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a §1115 Demonstration Waiver to combine under a single waiver authority all services and eligible populations served through its §1915(b) and its multiple §1915(c) waivers for persons with Serious Mental Illness (SMI), Substance Use Disorders (SUD), Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED). Under this consolidated waiver authority, Michigan is seeking broad flexibility to develop quality, financing and integrated care (physical and behavioral health care) initiatives for all Specialty Service Populations on a statewide basis. MDHHS expects these changes to have little or no impact on tribal members. The proposed effective date of this waiver is April 1, 2016.

In addition to aligning and expanded MDHHS integrated care initiatives for all Specialty Service Populations, the services covered under this §1115 Waiver include the full array of mandatory and optional State Plan services for persons who meet the eligibility criteria for the Specialty Services System. Michigan is NOT reducing or limiting any benefits outlined in this waiver application.

Input regarding this new waiver 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 by February 2, 2016.** Two public hearing will be held at the dates, times and locations below.

- January 13, 2016, 1:00-2:30 p.m. Webinar:
<https://connectpro14871085.adobeconnect.com/duale/>
U.S. Toll-Free Access Number: (877) 366-0711
Participant Passcode: 39535358
- January 28, 2016, Lansing Center, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
333 Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933

A copy of the complete §1115 waiver, stakeholder notice and waiver summary is available on the MDHHS website at www.michigan.gov/mdhhs >> Keeping Michigan Healthy >> Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability >> Mental Health. You may request a hard copy of the complete §1115 waiver, stakeholder notice and waiver summary by contacting Teri Baker at the address below. You may also submit questions or comments regarding the waiver to the address below or by email at MDHHS-Pathway1115@Michigan.gov. All comments on this topic should include a "Section 1115 – Pathway to Integration" reference somewhere in the written submission or the subject line if by email.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration
Bureau of Community Health
320 S. Walnut Street, Lewis Cass Building, 5th Floor
Lansing MI 48913

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