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February 17, 2016

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Section 1115 Waiver Request to Assist in Addressing Health Impacts from Potential Lead Exposure in Flint, Michigan.

This letter, in compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act, serves as notice to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has submitted a Section 1115 waiver.

Pending Approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), MDHHS plans to:

- Expand Medicaid eligibility to children up to age 21 and pregnant woman who;
 - Are served by the Flint water system or were served by the Flint water system between April 2014 and the date on which the Flint water system is deemed safe by the appropriate authorities. AND
 - Have household incomes up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). Individuals up to age 21 and pregnant women with household income above 400 percent FPL can buy in to unsubsidized coverage under the program.
- Establish a targeted case management group and services for children up to age 21 and pregnant women as described above.
- Seek enhancement and expansion of the State's current lead abatement program to provide abatement services to homes in the impacted area.

This Section 1115 waiver will impact Native American pregnant women and children served by the Flint water system. We anticipate that this waiver will be implemented soon after CMS approval.

Given this request is intended to address an emergency, there is no public hearing scheduled for this Section 1115 waiver. Input regarding this 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 April 4, 2016.**

In addition, MDHHS will set up a conference call to discuss this waiver in the near future. This 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 separate 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 "Chris Priest". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Chris Priest, Director
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