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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** State Plan Amendment Requests 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 of intent to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has submitted State Plan Amendments related to the Section 1115 demonstration waiver previously submitted to assist in addressing health impacts from potential lead exposure in Flint, Michigan.

Letter L 16-05, dated February 17, 2016, specified that, pending approval of the Section 1115 demonstration waiver by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), MDHHS plans to make Medicaid coverage available to:

- Any pregnant woman or child up to age 21 with household income up to and including 400 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) who has been served by the Flint water system between April 2014 and a date to be determined in the future; AND
- Any child born to a pregnant woman served by the Flint water system during the specified time period.

An individual was served by the Flint water system if he or she consumed water from the Flint water system, AND

- Resided in a dwelling connected to this system; OR
- Had employment at a location served by this system; OR
- Received child care or education at a location connected to this system.

For all Medicaid eligible individuals served by the Flint water system, including those currently eligible and newly eligible, MDHHS will:

- Establish a targeted case management group and services for children up to age 21 and pregnant women as described above.
- Expand lead investigation services to individuals served by the Flint water system as described above.
- Seek possible future enhancement and expansion of the State's current lead abatement program to provide abatement services to homes in the impacted area.

The Section 1115 demonstration waiver was approved by CMS on March 3, 2016, and MDHHS held a conference call/consultation with the tribes about the waiver on March 4, 2016.

As part of the Section 1115 demonstration approval, CMS requested that MDHHS submit several State Plan Amendments in order to implement the changes to eligibility and services, including:

- Targeted Case Management Services
- Targeted Case Management Reimbursement
- Alternative Benefit Plan
- Medicaid Eligibility
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Eligibility
- Lead Abatement

These State Plan Amendments have been or will soon be submitted to CMS and will impact Native American pregnant women and children served by the Flint water system. The anticipated effective date for the Targeted Case Management State Plan Amendments is May 1, 2016.

Given these requests are intended to address an emergency, there is no public hearing scheduled for the State Plan Waiver 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](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov).  
**Please provide all input by May 21, 2016.**

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

Sincerely,



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