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March 17, 2016

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Additional Information Regarding Proposed State Plan Amendment to Increase Copay Amounts

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. Specifically, this letter provides updated information regarding planned increases to copay amounts for Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries.

Letter L 15-52, dated September 1, 2015, specified increases to copay amounts for Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries with incomes above 100% of the Federal Poverty Level through the use of a Section 1115 waiver amendment and related State Plan Amendment. In compliance with federal regulations, the increases in copay amounts will be limited to those with incomes above 100% of the Federal Poverty Level and the amounts are expected to be as follows: \$4 for physician office visits; \$4 for outpatient hospital clinic visits; \$8 for emergency room visits (for non-emergent services); \$100 for an inpatient hospital stay (non-emergent admissions); \$3 for chiropractic visits; \$4 for dental visits; \$4 for podiatric visits; \$4 for a preferred drug; \$8 for a non-preferred drug; and \$4 for an urgent care center visit. Hearing aids will remain \$3 per aid, and vision services will remain at \$2 per visit. Finally, these increases will be accomplished through the use of a State Plan Amendment only.

MDHHS anticipates this change will have minimal impact to Native American beneficiaries due to the regulatory limitations on cost-sharing for many of these individuals. The anticipated effective date of this change is expected to be no earlier than July 1, 2016, pending approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

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 email at Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov. **Please provide all input by May 2, 2016.**

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.

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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 written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Chris Priest, Director
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