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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** New Section 1115 Waiver Proposal – Brain Injury Waiver

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 Section 1115 waiver.

MDHHS is seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a §1115 Demonstration Waiver to provide necessary services and supports to persons suffering qualifying brain injuries who, but for the provision of these services, would otherwise be served in an institutional setting. The Brain Injury Waiver (BIW) provides critical brain injury-specific rehabilitation and support in the post-acute injury period with the goal of assisting the participant in becoming capable of living in the most independent setting. MDHHS expects little or no impact on Tribal members. The proposed effective date of this waiver is January 1, 2017.

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 517-284-4034 or via e-mail at [Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov). **Please provide all input by September 10, 2016.** Two public hearings will be held at the dates, times and locations below.

- August 10, 2016, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Webinar:  
<https://connectpro14871085.adobeconnect.com/braininjury/>  
Refer to the MDHHS website at [www.michigan.gov/mdhhs](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs) >> Assistance Programs >> Michigan Brain Injury (BI) Waiver for additional instructions.
- August 17, 2016, 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
Capitol Commons Center  
400 South Pine Street, Lower Level  
Conference Rooms E and F  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

A copy of the complete §1115 waiver and waiver summary is available on the MDHHS website at [www.michigan.gov/mdhhs](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs) >> Assistance Programs >> Health Care Coverage >> Michigan Brain Injury (BI) Waiver. You may request a hard copy of the complete §1115 waiver and waiver summary by contacting MDHHS at the address below or by email at [MSAPolicy@michigan.gov](mailto:MSAPolicy@michigan.gov). All comments on this topic should include a "Section 1115 – Brain Injury Waiver" reference somewhere in the written submission or the subject line if by email.

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