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May 31, 2016

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Additional Information Regarding the MI Choice 1915(b) Waiver Amendment

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 waiver amendment. Specifically, this letter provides updated information regarding the phase-in schedule for the amendment, which will allow MI Choice waiver agencies to authorize Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) for MI Choice participants.

Letter L 16-28, dated May 2, 2016, specified that the first phase for allowing MI Choice waiver agencies to authorize NEMT will begin October 1, 2016, with the following counties to be included in the first phase: Antrim, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Clare, Clinton, Eaton, Emmet, Gladwin, Genesee, Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Isabella, Jackson, Kalkaska, Lapeer, Leelanau, Lenawee, Manistee, Midland, Missaukee, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola, and Wexford. MDHHS local offices will continue to authorize NEMT for MI Choice participants in counties not included in the first phase. The second phase will occur on April 1, 2017 and will include the rest of Michigan's counties. MDHHS local offices will no longer authorize NEMT for MI Choice participants once the second phase begins.

MDHHS expects little or no impact on Tribal members. The anticipated effective date of this waiver amendment is October 1, 2016.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this waiver 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 until June 6, 2016, or via email at Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov. Effective June 6, 2016, Lorna can be reached by phone at 517-284-4747. **Please provide all input by June 23, 2016.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual meetings for the purposes of consultation in order to discuss this waiver 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 fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Chris Priest, Director
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