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March 30, 2011

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: State Plan Amendment Regarding Prohibition on Medicaid Payments to Financial Institutions or Entities Outside of the United States

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is notifying you of its intent to submit a State Plan Amendment as required to comply with Section 6505 of the Affordable Care Act.

Section 6505 prohibits States from making payments for items or services provided under the State Plan or under a waiver to any financial institution or entity located outside of the U.S. On December 30, 2010, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued State Medicaid Director Letter #10-026 to provide clarification and guidance to States on this regulation. The letter may be viewed on the CMS website at www.cms.gov/SMDL/SMD >> 12/30/2010 >> SMD10026.

As directed by CMS, MDCH will implement changes to the Michigan Medicaid program to comply with this mandate. Effective for claims submitted on or after June 1, 2011, MDCH will not issue Medicaid payment to any financial institution or entity located outside of the U.S. This change will impact Tribal members that receive health care services from Medicaid providers without payment addresses within the U.S.

You may submit comments regarding this Notice of Intent to msapolicy@michigan.gov. If you would like to discuss the Notice of Intent, please contact Mary Anne Tribble, Medicaid Liaison to the Michigan Tribes. Mary Anne can be reached at (517) 241-7185 or via e-mail at tribblema@michigan.gov.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this State plan amendment.

Sincerely,

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