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August 3, 2011

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Re-allocation of Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Funds

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is notifying you of its intent to submit a State Plan Amendment that will provide a means of re-allocating DSH funds to DSH eligible hospitals based on the findings of the annual DSH Audit. It is the intent of MDCH to recover DSH payments that individual hospitals received if those payments exceed the actual Medicaid and uninsured costs at those hospitals. It is also the intent of MDCH to distribute these recovered amounts to DSH eligible hospitals that have DSH capacity to accept these payments. In addition, MDCH will distribute all remaining DSH funds from the Fiscal Year 2011 allocation to eligible hospitals. These changes will be effective on September 30, 2011, and will be made in a manner that is budget neutral to the State of Michigan.

You may submit comments regarding this notice of intent to [msapolicy@michigan.gov](mailto: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](mailto:tribblema@michigan.gov).

There is no public hearing scheduled for this Request for Amendment.

Sincerely,

Stephen Fitton, Director  
Medical Services Administration

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Leslie Campbell, Region V, CMS  
Jeryl Church, American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeastern Michigan  
L. John Lufkins, Executive Director, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.  
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