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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Health Insurance Exchange Conference Call

The Medical Services Administration would like to extend an invitation to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors to participate in an initial conference call to consult with Tribal Chairs and Health Directors and discuss questions, concerns, and suggestions regarding issues specific to Indian communities and the planning of a Health Insurance Exchange in Michigan.

The call is scheduled for:

Tuesday, August 30th, 2011
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Call-in Number: 877-336-1829
Code: 1697471

Those who cannot participate in a conference call, or who want to provide the Department with additional information, are invited to submit their questions, concerns, and suggestions in writing to the Department.

We do not expect this conference call or request for written comments to be the only opportunity for Tribal consultation, as many decisions will need to be made over the next few years for which the State will want ongoing consultation with our Tribal partners. However, this initial conference call and written comments will help inform the State in its early recommendations for the creation of a Health Insurance Exchange in Michigan.

If you would like to discuss the Health Insurance Exchange Conference Call, 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.

Sincerely,

Stephen Fitton, Director
Medical Services Administration

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Leslie Campbell, Region V, CMS
Jerilyn Church, American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeastern Michigan
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