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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Notice of Intent to Submit a Renewal Application for Michigan's Section 1915(c) MI Choice Waiver and a Request for a Section 1915(b)(4) Waiver to Operate Concurrently with MI Choice Waiver

This letter, in compliance with Section 6505 of the Affordable Care Act, serves as notice of intent to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors of the request by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to submit a renewal application for Michigan's Section 1915(c) MI Choice waiver and to submit an application for a Section 1915(b)(4) waiver to operate concurrently with the MI Choice Waiver.

The purpose of the request for a Section 1915(b)(4) waiver is to restrict provision of waiver services to MI Choice waiver agencies. Both applications will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on October 1, 2012 to ensure the continuation of the MI Choice Waiver, which expires on December 30, 2012. The effective dates for MI Choice will be January 1, 2013 through December 30, 2017.

The waiver applications do not have any impact on Tribal Governments or Tribal members. The request for a Section 1915(b)(4) waiver formalizes the service delivery model that has been in place since the inception of MI Choice.

If you would like to review the content of the waiver documents, please contact Mary Anne Tribble, Medicaid liaison to the Michigan Tribes and arrangements will be made to provide an electronic copy to you. You may submit comments regarding these waiver applications to msapolicy@michigan.gov. If you would like to discuss these waiver applications, please contact Mary Anne at (517) 241-7185 or via e-mail at tribblem1@michigan.gov.

There is no public hearing scheduled for these waiver applications.

Sincerely,

Stephen Fitton, Director
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