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December 14, 2012

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Autism coverage

This letter, in compliance with Section 6505 of the Affordable Care Act, serves as a revised notice of intent to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors of the request by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to submit State Plan Amendments and a Waiver Amendment. This letter is to inform you of changes that have been made in the proposal which will affect Medicaid and MICHild.

The consultation letter L 12-21, dated June 12, 2012 provided notification to Tribal Chairs and Health Directors of the intent by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to submit a Section 1915(i) State Plan Amendment for Targeted Populations, and a Request for an Amendment to the Section 1915(b) Managed Specialty Services and Supports Waiver for Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy. A MICHild State Plan Amendment will also be submitted which will allow for coverage of ABA Therapy for MICHild beneficiaries.

The initial intent of MDCH was to provide ABA coverage to beneficiaries under the age of 19. This was to take effect January 1, 2013.

The revised State Plan Amendments and Waiver Amendment with an effective date of April 1, 2013 will cover ABA for eligible beneficiaries age 18 months through five years of age with a clinical diagnosis of Autism Spectrum disorder (ASD).

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 tribblem1@michigan.gov.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this SPA.

Sincerely,

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