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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Notice of Intent to submit Renewal Applications for Michigan's Section 1915(c) and Section 1915(b)(4) Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SEDW) and for the Section 1915(b)(4) waiver that operates concurrently with the Section 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Children's Waiver Program (CWP).

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 waiver renewal applications for SEDW and CWP. The renewal applications will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and if approved, all three waivers will be effective October 1, 2013.

If approved, the Section 1915 (c) and concurrent (b)(4) waivers will allow the State to continue to provide Medicaid funded home and community-based services to children under the age of 21 who have a serious emotional disturbance and who are eligible for, and at risk of, placement into the state psychiatric facility for children. Additionally, the State proposes to expand the SEDW to Oceana County within the West Michigan Community Mental Health System. The number of children that can be served through the waiver will be reduced as a result of the State's experience related to the need for the service within the identified geographic region. With several years of experience, the State now has data that will allow for a realistic estimate of the number of children who may be eligible for the SEDW. All other essential features of the waiver will remain as currently approved.

If approved, the Section 1915(b)(4) waiver that operates concurrently with the Section 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services CWP will allow the State to continue fee for service selective contracting with the Community Mental Health Services Programs and their contracted agencies.

You may submit comments regarding the 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 the waiver renewal applications.

Sincerely

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