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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Notification of Intent to Submit Section 1915(b) Renewal Application for Michigan's Managed Specialty Services and Supports 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 the Managed Specialty Services and Supports Waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The purpose of the renewal application is to allow the Section 1915(b) waiver to continue to operate concurrently with Section 1915(c) waiver and to continue to offer specialty behavioral health and substance abuse services through the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs). Also there will be a restructuring of PIHP regions from eighteen to ten. The eligibility and benefits will remain the same.

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 Lorna Elliott-Egan, MDCH Liaison to the Michigan Tribes. Lorna can be reached at (517) 373-4963 or via e-mail at Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this waiver application.

Sincerely,

Stephen Fitton, Director
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