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August 29, 2013

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Notification of Intent to Submit Amendment to Section 1915(b) Comprehensive Health Care Program 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 an amendment to the Comprehensive Health Care Program Waiver. The application will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and will be effective January 1, 2014, if approved.

Michigan was selected as one of 15 states to participate in the Financial Alignment Demonstration administered by the CMS Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO). This Demonstration will integrate care for person dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid through the use of Integrated Care Organizations (ICOs).

This amendment will discontinue the option of enrollment for persons dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid into the Medicaid Health Plans currently operating in those counties chosen to be part of the Demonstration. Persons dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid who wish to enroll in managed care plans in the Demonstration regions will be allowed to choose from the ICOs selected to participate in the Demonstration. Persons dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid retain the option to receive services on a fee-for-service basis throughout the state.

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.

Sincerely,

Stephen Fitton, Director
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