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DIRECTOR

October 30, 2013

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Long Term Care Partnership Program State Plan Amendment

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 State Plan Amendment that would allow the development and implementation of a partnership program in Michigan.

On November 30, 2007, the Michigan Social Welfare Act was amended to direct MDCH and other state agencies to implement a Long Term Care (LTC) partnership program in Michigan. Long Term Care partnership programs allow individuals to purchase insurance policies for a set amount of private coverage for future qualifying expenses. When the private coverage is exhausted, these policies help protect covered assets during the Medicaid eligibility and estate recovery processes. By partnering with insurance carriers, states can encourage individuals to purchase private coverage to help fund their future LTC expenses. While certain income, resources and property remain exempt from Medicaid estate recovery, there are instances where ownership interests in assets and property are not protected and could be subject to estate recovery.

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 State Plan Amendment.

Sincerely,

Stephen Fitton, Director
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