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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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June 23, 2015

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** MICHild Premium Payments

This letter, in compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act, serves as further notice to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors regarding the State Plan Amendment(s) needed to expand Medicaid eligibility to include current MICHild beneficiaries. Tribal Notice L 15-04, dated January 27, 2015, informed all Tribal Leaders and Tribal Health Directors of the State of Michigan's intent to move all MICHild beneficiaries to a MICHild Medicaid Expansion program. Tribal Notice L 15-11, dated January 30, 2015, provided information about changes to Medicaid cost-sharing requirements for Native Americans consistent with federal requirements. This notice is to clarify the impact on Native American/Alaska Natives who are presently exempt from paying the \$10 monthly premium for their children's medical coverage under the current MICHild program.

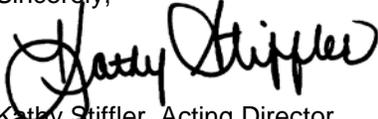
Consistent with Medicaid rules at 42 CFR 447.56(a)(1)(x), Native American/Alaska Natives enrolled in the MICHild Medicaid expansion program who are eligible to receive or have received an item or service furnished by an Indian health care provider or through referral under contract health services are exempt from premiums. In addition, Native American/Alaska Natives enrolled in the MICHild Medicaid expansion program who are currently receiving or have ever received an item or service furnished by an Indian health care provider or through referral under contract health services are exempt from all cost sharing.

Telephonic consultation regarding these State Plan Amendment(s) is scheduled to occur at 9:00 a.m. on June 26, 2015. The consultation will provide an overview and discussion of these State Plan Amendment(s). Contact information for participating in the telephonic consultation will be distributed in the near future. Input regarding these Amendment(s) is highly encouraged and comments regarding this Notice of Intent may be submitted to Brad Barron, MDHHS Liaison to the Michigan Tribes. Brad can be reached at 517-241-1286 or via email at [BarronB@michigan.gov](mailto:BarronB@michigan.gov). **Please provide all input by July 24, 2015.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up additional group or individual meetings for the purposes of consultation in order to discuss these Amendment(s), according to the tribes' preference. This consultation meeting will allow tribes the opportunity to address any concerns and voice any suggestions, revisions, or objections to be relayed to the author of the proposal. If you would like additional information or wish to schedule a consultation meeting, please contact Brad Barron at the telephone number or email address provided above.

MDHHS appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to care for the residents of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Stiffler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Stiffler, Acting Director  
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