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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Healthy Michigan Plan §1115 Demonstration Waiver Extension

On August 16, 2017, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued letter L 17-36 to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors, in compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act, providing notice of the department's intent to submit its renewal application to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to request an extension of the Healthy Michigan Plan §1115 Demonstration Waiver. This letter provides additional follow-up information regarding the opportunities for tribal consultation, attendance at a public forum, and the submission of written comments during the public comment period.

The primary goal of the Healthy Michigan Plan is to improve access to health care services for low-income Michigan residents who are uninsured or underinsured, while implementing a comprehensive benefit package with the intent to improve health outcomes. The expected effective date of this waiver extension is January 1, 2019. MDHHS expects that the waiver extension will have a positive impact on Native American populations located in the state, as they will be able to continue to receive services through the Healthy Michigan Plan and will be able to voluntarily enroll in the managed care delivery system.

MDHHS will hold a conference call meeting on October 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. EST with Tribal Chairs and Health Directors as well as other stakeholders. This consultation meeting will allow for an opportunity to address any concerns and voice any suggestions, revisions, or objections to regarding the renewal application.

MDHHS will also be holding a public hearing which is scheduled on October 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. EST at the Michigan Public Health Institute, Interactive Learning & Conference Center, 2436 Woodlake Circle, Suite 380, Okemos, MI.

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A copy of the complete §1115 waiver renewal application is available on the MDHHS website at www.michigan.gov/healthymichiganplan. You may also request a hard copy of the renewal application by contacting MDHHS by email at healthymichiganplan@michigan.gov. Input regarding the Healthy Michigan Plan Demonstration waiver renewal request is highly encouraged. All comments on the topic should include the title "Healthy Michigan Plan Waiver Renewal Request" in the subject line. **Please provide all input by November 20, 2017.**

If you would like additional information, hard copies of the waiver renewal application, or wish to schedule a group or individual consultation meeting, please contact Lorna Elliott-Egan MDHHS Liaison to the Michigan Tribes. Lorna can be reached at 517-284-4034, or via email at Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov.

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

Sincerely,



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