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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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## MEMORANDUM

- **DATE:** May 29, 2020
- **TO:** Tribal Leaders
- **FROM:** JooYeun Chang, Executive Director, Children's Services Agency
- **SUBJECT:** Public Notice Participation in MDHHS Changes to Definitions of Abuse and Neglect

MDHHS is providing you with public notice and invitation to review and provide feedback on potential changes to the definitions of abuse and neglect used in Children's Protective Services policy. These changes will more closely align maltreatment types to statute (Michigan's Child Protection Law). We would like to understand the impact of definition changes on tribal families and communities.

Attached are documents highlighting the proposed maltreatment types and an overview of suggested changes. You are invited to review the materials and provide your feedback and/or suggestions. Feedback can be submitted to Colin Parks, <u>ParksC@michigan.gov</u>. We have scheduled a call on July 13 and July 14 from 9:00am – 10:00am to provide an opportunity for further consultation and feedback.

Please contact Stacey Tadgerson, <u>TadgersonS@michigan.gov</u>, with any questions.

Attachments