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ELIZABETH HERTEL  
DIRECTOR

August 30, 2022

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Dental Reimbursement Increase

This letter, in compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act, serves as notice to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors of the intent by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Pending CMS approval, MDHHS will increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate for dental services provided at ambulatory surgical centers and outpatient hospitals. MDHHS expects that Michigan's Medicaid patient groups, including tribal members, will benefit from expanded access to dental services. The anticipated effective date of this SPA is October 1, 2022.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this SPA. Due to the requirements within state law, specifically Section 1801 of Public Act 166 of 2022, for an effective date of October 1, 2022, it is not possible to adhere to the sixty (60) days notification. Therefore, notification is being provided as soon as possible. Input regarding this SPA is highly encouraged, and comments regarding this notice of intent may be submitted to Lorna Elliott-Egan, MDHHS Liaison to the Michigan tribes. Lorna can be reached at 517-512-4146, or via email at [Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov). **Please provide all input by October 14, 2022.**

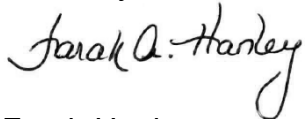
In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings to discuss the SPA, according to the tribes' preference. Consultation meetings allow tribes the opportunity to address any concerns and voice any suggestions, revisions, or objections to be relayed to the author of the proposal. If you would like additional information or wish to schedule a consultation meeting, please contact Lorna Elliott-Egan at the telephone number or email address provided above.

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

An electronic copy of this letter is available at [www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders](http://www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders) >>  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Farah A. Hanley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "y" at the end.

Farah Hanley  
Chief Deputy for Health

CC: Keri Toback, CMS  
Nancy Grano, CMS  
Chasity Dial, CEO, American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeastern  
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