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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Michigan's Revised Statewide Transition Plan for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Programs

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 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to submit a request for public comments on Michigan's revised Statewide Transition Plan for HCBS waiver programs.

In 2014, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a rule for HCBS waivers called the HCBS Final Rule. This rule requires that all settings be home and community-based in order to provide HCBS services and continue to receive HCBS funding. To ensure compliance with the rule, CMS required each state to develop a statewide transition plan that outlines the implementation process to come into compliance with the final rule. MDHHS developed a Statewide Transition Plan that includes the following six waivers that are impacted by the HCBS Final Rule:

- §1915(c) Children's Waiver Program
- §1915(c) Habilitation Supports Waiver Program
- §1915(c) MI Choice Waiver Program
- §1915(c) MI Health Link HCBS Waiver Program **\*Because this waiver was approved by CMS after March 2014, these settings were required to be in immediate compliance and therefore are not included in Michigan's Statewide Transition Plan.**
- §1915(c) Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances
- §1115 Behavioral Health Demonstration Waiver concurrent with the §1915(i) State Plan Amendment (Community Living Supports, Skill Building and Supported Employment)

MDHHS recently revised its Statewide Transition Plan based on feedback from CMS. The revised Statewide Transition Plan can be found online at [www.michigan.gov/mdhhs](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs) >> Assistance Programs >> Health Care Coverage >> Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition >> Revised Statewide Transition Plan. Any comments regarding the revised Statewide Transition Plan covered by this notice, or requests for a written copy, may be submitted to [HCBSTransition@michigan.gov](mailto:HCBSTransition@michigan.gov). This transition may affect tribal members who reside in an assisted living setting or receive adult day care services from MI Choice and those who reside in residential or non-residential settings and receive home and community-based behavioral health services.

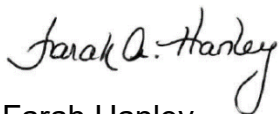
There is no public hearing scheduled for Michigan's revised Statewide Transition Plan public comment. Input regarding Heightened Scrutiny is highly encouraged, and comments regarding this notice of intent may be submitted to Lorna Elliott-Egan, MDHHS Liaison to the Michigan tribes. Lorna can be reached at 517-512-4146, or via email at [Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov). **Please provide all input by November 11, 2022**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings to discuss the revised Michigan's revised Statewide Transition Plan, 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.

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) >> Policy, Letters & Forms.

Sincerely,



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