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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Notice of Intent to Submit a Section 1915(b) Waiver Amendment Request for the Comprehensive Health Care Program

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 waiver amendment request for the Comprehensive Health Care Program (CHCP) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

This waiver amendment will provide adults, age 21 and over, and currently enrolled in a Medicaid health plan, dental coverage through their plan. This will facilitate improved access to dental services and care coordination. There are four key redesigns included with this change: increased reimbursement rates for providers; improved access and provider participation; enhanced care coordination; and building a robust dental package. Medicaid beneficiaries who are not enrolled in a Medicaid health plan will continue to receive dental benefits through Fee-for-Service, which will also include increased reimbursement rates for providers.

This waiver amendment will not impact the delivery system for the Healthy Kids Dental Program (currently administered by Delta Dental and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan), which will continue as a standalone contract for children's dental services.

The CHCP provides comprehensive healthcare benefits to Tribal beneficiaries who voluntarily enroll in the Program. These program benefits are intended to improve the health and quality of life of Tribal beneficiaries. The anticipated effective date of this waiver amendment is April 1, 2023.

The CHCP waiver amendment application is available on the MDHHS website at <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/medicaid/portalhome/resources/medicaid-health-plans>. The document is a

draft and will be updated as needed until submitted for approval. At that time, the final version of the application will be posted online.

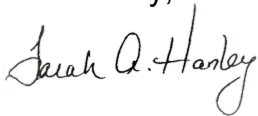
There is no public hearing scheduled for this waiver amendment application. Input regarding this amendment is highly encouraged, and comments regarding this notice of intent may be submitted to Lorna Elliott-Egan, MDHHS Liaison to the Michigan tribes. Lorna can be reached at 517-512-4146, or via email at [Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov). **Please provide all input by March 6, 2023.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings to discuss the amendment, 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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