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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Intent to Submit an Application to Renew the 1915(i) State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Community Transition Services

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 1915(i) SPA renewal request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for Community Transition Services.

The 1915(i) SPA for Community Transition Services provides services and supports to Medicaid beneficiaries who currently reside in a nursing home or other institution and wish to move to a home and community-based setting. MDHHS is not planning to make substantive changes to the currently approved 1915(i) SPA for these services. Community Transition Services include:

- 1) Transition Navigation Case Management - services provided to ensure the delivery of supports and services needed to meet the beneficiary's goals for living in the community after an institutionalization.
- 2) Community Transition Services - non-reoccurring expenses necessary to enable a beneficiary who is transitioning from a nursing facility or other institutional setting to the community to establish a basic household and do not constitute room and board.
- 3) Non-medical (Non-Emergency) Transportation – transportation to enable beneficiaries to gain access to community services, activities and resources specified by the beneficiary's person-centered service plan.
- 4) Home Modifications - physical adaptations to the home that, according to the PCSP, are necessary to ensure the health and welfare of the beneficiary or that enable the beneficiary to function with greater independence in the home.
- 5) Home and Community-Based Services Personal Care - enable beneficiaries with functional limitations resulting from a medical or physical disability or cognitive impairment to live independently and receive care in the least restrictive setting

preferred by the beneficiary. Home and Community-Based Services Personal Care Services include the provision of assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) (eating, toileting, bathing, grooming, dressing, transferring, and mobility) and instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs) (taking medication, meal preparation, shopping for food or other necessities, laundry, and housekeeping).

MDHHS expects this change to have little or no impact on Native American beneficiaries that qualify for and choose to utilize these services. The anticipated effective date of the renewal is October 1, 2023.

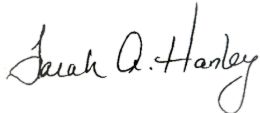
There is no public hearing scheduled for this SPA. Input regarding this SPA is highly encouraged, and comments regarding this notice of intent may be submitted to Lorna Elliott-Egan, MDHHS Liaison to the Michigan tribes. Lorna can be reached at 517-512-4146, or via email at [Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov). **Please provide all input by March 16, 2023.**

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.

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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