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May 10, 2023

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Notice of Intent to Submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) Request to Continue the In-Person Premium Payment Beyond the Public Health Emergency (PHE) for Behavioral Health Treatment Behavior Technician 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 State Plan Amendment (SPA) request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The purpose of the SPA is to update the Medicaid State Plan to continue the in-person premium payment beyond the PHE for Behavioral Health Treatment Behavior Technician Services. This authority is effective the day after the PHE ends, May 12, 2023. Current authority for the payment is provided within DR SPA 21-0016 effective October 1, 2021, through the end of the PHE. MDHHS expects this payment continuation to increase access to services for Native American beneficiaries.

A supplemental payment of \$2.35 per hour will continue to be paid to self-employed providers of personal care services, supportive employment services, and behavioral health treatment behavior technician services for in-person care and a supplemental payment of \$2.63 per hour will be paid for agency employed providers of these services. The supplemental payment for these providers will also include any associated share of employer Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) payroll taxes.

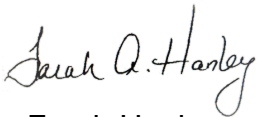
Due to competing priorities and subsequent analysis that was required, it is not possible to adhere to the sixty (60) days notification. Therefore, notification is being provided as soon as possible. There is no public hearing scheduled for this SPA. Input regarding this SPA is highly encouraged, and 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 June 26, 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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