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August 2, 2023

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Notice of Intent to Submit a State Plan Amendment to Clarify Over-the-Counter Drug Coverage Language

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 respond to a CMS request to update language in the Medicaid State Plan. The SPA proposes to replace the current language "Select over-the-counter (OTC) 'drugs' limited to analgesic/antipyretics, antihistamines, dermatological, family planning, gastrointestinal, ophthalmic, otic, and vaginal antifungals." The new language will continue to identify that select OTC covered outpatient drugs are covered for all eligible beneficiaries, but will refer to the state website instead of listing specific drug categories.

This language update will allow new categories of OTC covered outpatient drugs to be added to the Michigan Pharmaceutical Product List without modifying the state plan. This increases accuracy and reduces redundancy in state plan language. This change is expected to have little or no impact on Native American beneficiaries. The anticipated effective date of this SPA is July 1, 2023.

Due to the timing of the guidance received, 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. **Please provide all input by September 18, 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 >> Policy, Letters & Forms.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meghan Groen".

Meghan Groen, Director
Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

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