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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Notice of Intent to Submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) Request to Update Healthy Michigan Plan Cost Sharing Requirements

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 reflect modifications in the cost sharing requirements for individuals enrolled in the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP). This change is part of a broader package of changes to HMP, which was previously authorized through a Section 1115 Demonstration that will expire on December 31, 2023.

Beneficiaries enrolled in HMP will not experience any disruptions in their care or reductions in their benefits; however, the following cost sharing provisions will change.

Co-payments

A co-payment is an amount of money owed to a health care provider for Medicaid covered services that a beneficiary receives. Co-payments for services provided to HMP beneficiaries with incomes over 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will be reduced to align with the cost sharing requirements currently in place for other Medicaid groups, including HMP beneficiaries with incomes up to 100 percent FPL.

Starting January 1, 2024, the following co-payments amounts may be charged to all HMP eligible beneficiaries regardless of income:

- Physician Office Visits: \$2
- Outpatient Hospital Visit: \$2
- Emergency Room Visit for Non-Emergency Service: \$3
- Inpatient Hospital Stay: \$50
- Pharmacy:
 - \$ 1 – generic/preferred brands
 - \$ 3 - brand/non-preferred brands
- Chiropractic Visit: \$1
- Dental Visit: \$3
- Hearing Aid: \$3 per aid
- Podiatric Visit: \$2
- Vision Visit: \$2
- Urgent Care Center Visit: \$2

These amounts will generally be collected by the provider at the time a service is provided. Medicaid Managed Care Plans do have the flexibility to waive the above copayments amounts from their enrolled beneficiaries.

Premiums

Previously under HMP, beneficiaries with annual incomes over 100 percent FPL were required to pay premiums (also known as MI Health Account [MIHA] fees). Effective January 1, 2024, MDHHS will no longer assess premiums (MIHA fees) for individuals enrolled in HMP.

Native American beneficiaries are generally exempt from cost sharing like premiums and co-pays based on the exemption specified in 42 CFR 447.56(a).

There is no public hearing scheduled for this SPA. 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. **Please provide all input by December 7, 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,



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