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ELIZABETH HERTEL
DIRECTOR

October 29, 2025

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Intent to Submit Amendment Applications for the Sections 1915(b) and 1915(c) MI Health Link (MHL) Waivers and the Program Transition to the Highly Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (HIDE SNP) Program MI Coordinated Health

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 waiver amendment applications to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). On March 7, 2025, MDHHS issued L 25-10 for the same purpose. However, following the tribal review and comment period, it became necessary to make an additional revision to the amendment applications.

Due to circumstances beyond the state's control, MI Coordinated Health will not be available in Chippewa, Gogebic and Menominee counties. The waiver amendment applications have been updated to reflect this service area reduction. The anticipated effective date of this waiver amendment is January 1, 2026.

MDHHS expects this change to impact Native American beneficiaries currently enrolled in the MI Health Link program within these three counties as they will no longer be eligible for services in the MI Coordinated Health program as of January 1, 2026.

MDHHS is working with individuals in these three counties that are currently receiving services through the MI Health Link program to ensure they understand the options available and what steps to take to ensure their services continue after MI Health Link ends on December 31, 2025.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this waiver amendment. Input regarding this waiver is highly encouraged. The Sections 1915(b)/(c) draft amendment applications can be found online under the 'spotlight' link at www.michigan.gov/mdhhs >> Doing Business with MDHHS >> Health Care Providers >> Highly Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan. 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 15, 2025.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings to discuss the waiver, 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 E. Groen".

Meghan E. Groen, Chief Deputy Director
Health Services

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