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March 7, 2025

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Notice of Intent to Submit Amendment Applications for the Section 1915(b) and 1915(c) MI Health Link (MHL) Waivers to reflect 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).

The following changes will be included in the waiver applications:

1. Revisions to both 1915(b)/(c) applications to reflect the transition from the Financial Alignment Initiative (FAI) program called MI Health Link (MHL) which will end on December 31, 2025 and move to the HIDE SNP program, that will integrate long term supports and services, and be called MI Coordinated Health (MICH) effective January 1, 2026. These revisions will include changes to the program name, waiver application title, the health plans participating in each region, and naming conventions that align with the State Medicaid Agency Contract (SMAC) that will govern the MICH program.
2. Revisions to 1915(b) application program operations and monitoring plan sections to reflect the transition from MHL to MICH and align with SMAC requirements. These revisions include changes to enrollment, marketing, and program monitoring processes.
3. Revisions to 1915(b) statutory authority to reflect that there will no longer be a central enrollment broker.
4. Updates made to 1915(b) cost effectiveness.
5. Updates made to allow legally responsible individuals and guardians to be providers of Expanded Community Living Supports (ECLS) in limited situations.
6. Updates to information related to the state's implementation of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) for services subject to EVV.
7. Clarifications made to critical incident performance measure language.
8. Updates made to Home Delivered Meals service guidelines.
9. Updates to allocation of waiver capacity policy due to changes in the health plans participating in each region.
10. Changes to Vehicle Modifications service language for clarification and resuming limits for service.

MDHHS expects these changes to have little or no impact on Native American beneficiaries. The anticipated effective date of this waiver amendment is January 1, 2026.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this waiver renewal. 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. These documents are drafts and will be updated as needed until they are submitted for approval no later than October 1, 2025. At that time the final version of the applications will be posted online. 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 April 21 2025.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings to discuss the waiver, according to the tribe's 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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