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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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ELIZABETH HERTEL  
DIRECTOR

July 31, 2025

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Notice of Intent to Submit a Section 1915(b) Waiver Amendment Request for the Healthy Kids Dental (HKD) Program

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 waiver amendment request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The purpose of the waiver amendment is to revise the cost effectiveness benchmark for calendar year 2025. MDHHS expects this rate increase to have little or no impact on Native American beneficiaries. The effective date of this waiver amendment is June 1, 2025.

The HKD waiver amendment request is available on the MDHHS website at [www.michigan.gov/medicaid](http://www.michigan.gov/medicaid) >> Program Resources >> Medicaid Health Plans. The document is a draft and will be updated as needed until submitted for approval. At that time, the final version of the amendment request will be posted online.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this waiver amendment request. Input regarding this waiver 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](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov). **Please provide all input by September 15, 2025.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings to discuss the waiver amendment, 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](http://www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders) >>  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meghan E. Groen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meghan E. Groen, Chief Deputy Director  
Health Services

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Nancy Grano, CMS  
Chasity Dial, CEO, American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeastern  
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