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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Submissions of Renewal Applications for Children's Waiver Program (CWP), Habilitation Supports Waiver (HSW), Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SEDW), Section 1915(i) State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Community Support Services, Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) SPA and Targeted Case Management (TCM) SPA

This letter, in compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act, serves as notice of intent to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors of the request by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to submit the following for Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval: Renewal applications for the Section 1915(c) CWP, HSW and SEDW; Section 1915(i) SPA for Community Support Services; ABP SPA; and TCM SPA. The anticipated effective date for the waiver renewal applications and SPAs is October 1, 2019.

**Renewal Waiver Applications**

The following changes will be made to the renewal applications for CWP, HSW, and SEDW:

- 1) Overnight Health & Safety Supports will be added as a new service to CWP.
- 2) Overnight Health & Safety Supports, Non-Family Training and Fiscal Intermediary, will be added as new services to HSW.
- 3) Overnight Health & Safety Supports and Fiscal Intermediary will be added as new services to SEDW.
- 4) Removal of Transitional Services from SEDW since the services have not been utilized
- 5) Increasing number of beneficiaries that can be served by CWP.
- 6) Change to a capitated reimbursement model from a fee-for-service reimbursement model for CWP and SEDW. The beneficiary impact will be seamless as the eligibility determination process will not change.

### **Section 1915(i) State Plan Amendment**

MDHHS will submit a Section 1915(i) SPA for the provision of Community Supports Services to Medicaid beneficiaries that are currently provided as Section 1915(b)(3) services under the Managed Specialty Services and Supports Program.

The Community Supports Services are:

- Community Living Supports
- Enhanced Pharmacy
- Environmental Modifications
- Family Support & Training
- Fiscal Intermediary
- Housing Assistance
- Overnight Health and Safety Support
- Respite Care
- Skill Building Assistance
- Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies
- Supported/Integrated Employment
- Vehicle Modification

### **Alternative Benefit Plan State Plan Amendment**

The purpose of the amendment is to make sure the description of behavioral health and substance use disorder benefits within the ABP SPA align with current Medicaid authorities.

### **Targeted Case Management (TCM) State Plan Amendment**

The purpose of the amendment to the TCM SPA is to modify the qualifications of behavioral health providers. If the tribal members choose to participate in the CWP, HSW or SEDW or receive Community Supports Services benefit through the Section 1915(i) SPA, these services will be available to them.

There is no public hearing scheduled for these waiver and SPA changes. Input regarding these waiver and SPA changes 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 517-284-4034, or via email at [Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov). **Please provide all input by June 3, 2019.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings to discuss these waiver renewals 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.

Sincerely,



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