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January 23, 2015

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Notice of Intent to Submit a State Plan Amendment to Enroll Psychologists, Social Workers, and Professional Counselors as Medicaid Providers

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 Community Health (MDCH) to submit a State Plan Amendment. This letter will serve as an amendment to L14-63, dated December 9, 2014.

Pending approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Michigan Medicaid State Plan will allow fully-licensed psychologists (Doctoral level), social workers (Master's level), and professional counselors (Master's and Doctoral levels) to become enrolled with Michigan Medicaid to provide and be directly reimbursed for outpatient behavioral health services.

Providers in Michigan must be currently licensed by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. To comply with 42 CFR 431.110, licensed health professionals employed by a Tribal Health Program must be licensed in good standing in at least one state, but do not need to be licensed in the state where they are practicing for Tribal Health Centers (THCs). Out-of-state providers must be licensed by the appropriate standard-setting authority in the state where they are practicing.

The enrollment of these providers will increase the availability of behavioral health services to beneficiaries, including those who receive Medicaid services through THCs or Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

There is no public hearing scheduled for this State Plan Amendment. Input regarding this Amendment is highly encouraged, and comments regarding this Notice of Intent may be submitted to Lorna Elliott-Egan, MDCH Liaison to the Michigan Tribes. Lorna can be reached at (517) 373-4963 or via e-mail at [Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov). **Please provide all input by February 23, 2015.**

In addition, MDCH is offering to set up group or individual meetings for the purposes of consultation in order to discuss this Amendment, according to the tribes' preference. This consultation meeting will 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.

MDCH appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to care for the residents of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Fitton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen Fitton, Director  
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