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December 7, 2017

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Notice of Intent to Submit a State Plan Amendment Requesting Waiver of the Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) Requirement

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 a State Plan Amendment.

The purpose of the State Plan Amendment is to waive the requirements for the RAC under Section 1902 (a)(42)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act and be granted an exception to perform utilization reviews using alternative resources. The State of Michigan intends to utilize its agreement with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Unified Program Integrity Contractor (UPIC) to conduct audits of the providers that the Michigan RAC previously conducted. This change is expected to have little or no impact on Tribal Members. The anticipated effective date of this State Plan Amendment is October 1, 2017.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this State Plan Amendment. Due to timing of process feedback received, it is not possible to adhere to the sixty (60) days notification. Therefore, notification is being provided as soon as possible. Input regarding this 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 517-284-4034, or via email at Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov. **Please provide all input by January 22, 2018.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual meetings for the purpose 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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Stiffler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Stiffler, Acting Director
Medical Services Administration

cc: Keri Toback, Region V, CMS
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