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February 21, 2017

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Update to State Plan Amendment on Revised Pharmacy Claim Reimbursement Rates

This letter provides an update to L 16-57 on Revised Pharmacy Claim Reimbursement Rates, dated October 7, 2016. In compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act, this letter 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 on pharmacy claim reimbursement rates that will include coverage of Medication Therapy Management services.

Medication Therapy Management services are face-to-face consultations with a pharmacist to optimize a beneficiary's drug therapy. This amendment will allow MDHHS to cover Medication Therapy Management services performed by a pharmacist, including pharmacists in Tribal Health Centers. MDHHS expects this change to have a positive impact on Native American beneficiaries who elect this new service. The anticipated effective date for this State Plan Amendment is April 1, 2017.

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, 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 April 7, 2017.**

In addition, MDHHS 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.

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 that reads "Chris Priest". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Chris Priest, Director
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