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DIRECTOR

August 21, 2014

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: New Class I Nursing Facility Rate Relief Criterion

This letter, in compliance with Section 6505 of the Affordable Care 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 (SPA).

MDCH intends to submit a SPA to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to add a new criterion for Class I Nursing Facility rate relief eligibility. Nursing Facilities that have a Variable Rate Base of less than or equal to 60% of the corresponding year's Variable Cost Limit would be able to apply. A new rate of no more than 50% of the difference between the facility's current Variable Rate Base and the Class I Average Variable Cost is calculated. In order to qualify a facility would also have to meet any other applicable qualifying criteria as laid out in the State Plan.

You may submit comments regarding this Notice of Intent to msapolicy@michigan.gov. If you would like to discuss the Notice of Intent, please contact 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.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this SPA.

Sincerely,

Stephen Fitton, Director
Medical Services Administration

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Pamela Carson, Region V, CMS
Ashley Tuomi, MHPA, Executive Director, American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeastern Michigan
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