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July 13, 2017

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Rule 2348-F and Other Home Health Related State Plan and Waiver Amendments

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 requests by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to submit State Plan and Waiver Amendments to CMS.

These requests will allow MDHHS to implement CMS Rule 2348-F and other Home Health related changes. These changes may require a corresponding alternative benefit plan (ABP) State Plan Amendment and modifications to waivers as well. The new requirements will assist with improved access to home health care and durable medical equipment under home health services. The State of Michigan expects these changes will have a positive impact on Native American beneficiaries by helping to ensure that home health care services and durable medical equipment are provided according to the program guidelines to meet the beneficiary's needs. The anticipated effective date is January 1, 2018.

There is no public hearing scheduled for these authorization changes. Input regarding these 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 August 28, 2017.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual meetings for the purpose of consultation in order to discuss these changes, 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 written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Chris Priest, Director  
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