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February 11, 2015

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Expansion of Coverage for Pharmacy Administration of Vaccines

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 to cover pharmacy-administered vaccines.

This amendment will allow pharmacy providers to administer vaccines to beneficiaries. Coverage of pharmacist-administered vaccines will no longer be limited to seasonal influenza and H1N1 vaccines. This change will broaden access to recommended vaccines for all beneficiaries, including Native American beneficiaries.

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. **Please provide all input by March 16, 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,

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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