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September 29, 2017

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Medicaid Eligibility State Plan Amendment Update

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 reflect federal guidance related to the Medicaid eligibility redetermination process. This update will not impact Michigan's current eligibility redetermination process. This change is anticipated to have little or no impact on Tribal Members. The anticipated effective date of this State Plan Amendment is November 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](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov). **Please provide all input by November 13, 2017.**

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 that reads "Chris Priest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Chris Priest, Director  
Medical Services Administration

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