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September 27, 2017

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Direct Primary Care

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 and/or Waiver to implement the Direct Primary Care (DPC) services program.

Under Section 1913 of Michigan Public Act 107 of 2017, MDHHS is directed to request a waiver from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that will allow federal funding to implement this program for select Medicaid beneficiaries. Section 1913 specifies that DPC services would be implemented as a pilot program in five Michigan counties. MDHHS is working with CMS to determine whether this program can be implemented under a State Plan Amendment or under the Waiver authority. The State of Michigan expects this change will have minimal impact on Tribal members, as participation in the DPC services program is voluntary. The anticipated effective date of this State Plan Amendment or Waiver is October 1, 2017.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this State Plan Amendment or Waiver. Input regarding this Amendment or Waiver 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 comments 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 or Waiver 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, sweeping underline.

Chris Priest, Director
Medical Services Administration

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