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ROBERT GORDON  
DIRECTOR

February 7, 2019

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** MI Choice Waiver Amendment

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 MI Choice Waiver Amendment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The Section 1915(c) and Section 1915(b) MI Choice waiver applications are being amended to remove Community Transition Services as a MI Choice Waiver service. These community transition services for individuals wanting to transition from a nursing facility to a community setting are now available to Medicaid beneficiaries through the Medicaid State Plan 1915(i) Nursing Facility Transitions benefit. For additional information about how to get nursing facility transition services under the new benefit, individuals may call 833-686-7700 or TTY 833-285-5910. The anticipated effective date of the MI Choice waiver applications is July 1, 2019.

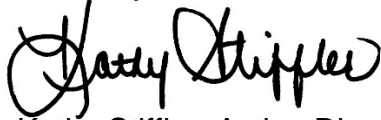
Tribal members are affected by this Waiver Amendment because these services are available to them if they choose to participate in the MI Choice Waiver or Medicaid State Plan 1915(i) Nursing Facility Transitions benefit.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this Waiver Amendment. Input regarding this Waiver 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 March 25, 2019.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings in order to discuss this Waiver Amendment, according to the tribes' preference. Consultation meetings 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 "Kathy Stiffler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Stiffler, Acting Director  
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