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DIRECTOR

August 16, 2017

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Healthy Michigan Plan §1115 Demonstration Waiver Extension

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 that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will be seeking an extension of the Healthy Michigan Plan §1115 Demonstration Waiver.

The primary goal of the Healthy Michigan Plan waiver is to improve access to health care services for low income Michigan residents who are uninsured or underinsured, while implementing a comprehensive benefit package with the intent to improve health outcomes. The anticipated effective date of this waiver extension is January 1, 2019.

MDHHS expects that the waiver extension will have a positive impact on Native American beneficiaries, as they will be able to continue to receive services through the Healthy Michigan Plan and will be able to voluntarily enroll in the managed care delivery system. Additionally, Native American enrollees will continue to have coverage without cost sharing or premium obligations.

MDHHS expects to make the waiver renewal request available for public comment in the early fall of 2017. Once the document is available for public review, MDHHS will provide an update to the Tribal Chairs and Health Directors, as well as other stakeholders, and share additional information on the public comment process. MDHHS also plans to seek consultation on this waiver renewal request during the Quarterly Tribal Health Directors conference call on August 28, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

In addition, MDHHS will be arranging an additional meeting at a future date for the purpose of tribal consultation in order to discuss this waiver extension request. 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.

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If you would like additional information or wish to schedule a group or individual consultation meeting, please contact 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 all input by September 30, 2017.**

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 fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Chris Priest, Director
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