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November 20, 2017

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Update to Physician Primary Care Rate Eligibility

This letter is a modification to letter L 17-47, issued October 10, 2017, to reflect a new anticipated effective date for the State Plan Amendment (SPA) of January 1, 2018.

In compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act, this letter 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 SPA.

The purpose of the SPA, in compliance with Public Act 107 of 2017, is to update language to include the general practitioner as a physician eligible to qualify as a primary care provider for the purpose of increased payment. MDHHS expects this change to have little or no impact on Native American beneficiaries. The anticipated effective date of this SPA is January 1, 2018.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this SPA. 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. **Please provide all input by January 4, 2018.**

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, flowing style.

Chris Priest, Director
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