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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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ELIZABETH HERTEL  
DIRECTOR

January 26, 2021

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Coverage of Medication-Assisted Treatment

This letter, in compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act, serves as notice to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors of the intent by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to submit a State Plan Amendment and Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) Amendment request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The purpose of these amendments is to comply with section 1006(b) of the Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act (herein referred to as the SUPPORT Act) (Pub. L. No. 115-271). Section 1006(b) of the SUPPORT Act requires states to provide Medicaid coverage of certain drugs and biological products for the treatment of Substance Use Disorder, as well as related counseling services and behavioral therapy. These services are already covered by MDHHS under existing State Plan Medicaid authority; however, coverage of these services will be moved to a new page in the Michigan Medicaid State Plan and a new section in the ABP for the new mandatory benefit. Therefore, this request is not a change in coverage but a technical change. These products and services are currently covered for Native American beneficiaries, and there will be no changes to this coverage. The anticipated effective date of these amendments is October 1, 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Tribal consultation timeline requirements identified in the State Plan have been modified per a new requested Section 1135 Waiver. There is no public hearing scheduled for this request. Input regarding this request 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 517-512-4146, or via email at [Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov).

**Please provide all input by March 12, 2021.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings to discuss the request, 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, appearing to read 'K. Massey', with a stylized, flowing script.

Kate Massey, Director  
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Chasity Dial, CEO, American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeastern Michigan  
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