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ROBERT GORDON  
DIRECTOR

July 18, 2019

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Temporary Nursing Facility Quality Assurance Supplement Percentage Reduction

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 (SPA) request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Pending approval from CMS, the Michigan Medicaid State Plan may be modified to make a reduction to the Quality Assurance Supplement (QAS) percentage to nursing facilities for the months of August and September 2019. This reduction is a result of lower than expected fiscal year 2019 revenue for nursing facility QAS payments. The State of Michigan expects these changes will have little or no impact on tribal members. The anticipated effective date of this SPA is July 1, 2019.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this SPA. Input regarding this SPA 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 September 3, 2019.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings to discuss this SPA according to tribe 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.

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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 long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kate Massey, Director  
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