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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Opioid Health Home (OHH) Expansion

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).

MDHHS is seeking approval from CMS to revise the current OHH SPA to optimize and expand the OHH in select Michigan counties. Currently, the benefit is limited to Michigan's Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) Regions 1, 2, 9 and Calhoun and Kalamazoo Counties in Region 4. This SPA will amend and expand the OHH to PIHP Regions 6, 7, and 10. The specific counties include: Genesee, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Sanilac, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne. The SPA will serve an estimated 1,500-2,000 beneficiaries once fully implemented. A region's PIHP will coordinate enrollment and care with selected providers. Tribal Health Centers and Urban Health Centers that meet OHH provider qualifications and standards are encouraged to participate and must adhere to the same agreement outlined in [MSA 20-31](#). The anticipated effective date of this SPA is October 1, 2021.

The OHH will function as the central point of contact for directing patient-centered care across all the broader health care system. Designated providers will be required to maintain a robust care coordination program to reduce avoidable health care costs and improve the overall quality of life for the beneficiary. This may include referrals to appropriate community and support services as needed. Native American beneficiaries with a qualifying health condition will be eligible to enroll in the program if they wish. Participation is voluntary, and enrolled beneficiaries may opt-out at any time.

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 517-512-4146, or via email at [Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov). **Please provide all input by July 8, 2021.**

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

An electronic copy of this letter is available at [www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders](http://www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders) >> Policy, Letters & Forms.

Sincerely,



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