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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration

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 implement a demonstration project via the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Michigan has the potential to significantly transform its behavioral health system through the CMS CCBHC Demonstration. In 2016, Michigan applied to be a CCBHC Demonstration state under Section 223 of the federal Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014. On August 5, 2020, CMS named Michigan one of two new CCBHC Demonstration states with funding authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020. CCBHCs are mandated to provide a comprehensive array of quality mental health and addiction services, including 24/7/365 crisis support and medication assisted treatment for substance use disorders, and must adhere to a robust set of standards regarding care coordination, quality and cost reporting, staffing, and governance. CCBHCs must also provide the core set of comprehensive services to any individual regardless of insurance status or ability to pay, which will significantly expand access to essential behavioral health services.

14 prospective CCBHC sites (including 11 Community Mental Health Services Programs and three non-profit behavioral health entities) are eligible to participate in the demonstration. Collectively, approximately 367,000 Michigan residents will be eligible for CCBHC services. The demonstration will increase access to these essential behavioral health services for Native Americans, particularly those who are uninsured or underinsured. Additionally, as part of the certification requirements, CCBHCs must establish care coordination agreements with Tribal Health Centers and work in close partnerships to provide optimal patient-centered care.

The anticipated effective date of this demonstration is October 1, 2021.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this demonstration. Input regarding this demonstration 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 August 6, 2021.**

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