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ELIZABETH HERTEL
DIRECTOR

January 26, 2022

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Medicaid Coverage and Reimbursement of COVID-19 Testing and Treatment Services under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

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 the following requests to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS): a State Plan Amendment (SPA), a Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) SPA, and an Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) amendment, as applicable.

The purpose of these SPAs is to update the Medicaid State Plan, the CHIP State Plan and the ABP, as applicable, to include coverage of COVID-19-related testing and treatment services in compliance with Section 9811 of the American Rescue Plan of 2021. Consistent with Sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1905(a)(4)(F) of the Social Security Act, services will include diagnostic and screening testing, including U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized home laboratory test systems to diagnose or detect SARS-CoV-2 or antibodies to SARS-CoV-2. Additionally, coverage will include COVID-19 vaccines and their administration, and treatment services, such as specialized equipment and therapies to treat COVID-19. These services will be covered without cost-sharing. Coverage will end the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) period.

It is anticipated the SPAs will positively impact Native Americans by increasing access to COVID-19 testing and treatment services. The anticipated effective date of the SPA and CHIP SPA is the day after the federal PHE period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act ends.

There is no public hearing scheduled for the SPA and CHIP SPA. Input regarding these amendments 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. **Please provide all input by March 12, 2022.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings to discuss the SPA and CHIP 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 >> Policy, Letters & Forms.

Sincerely,



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