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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Submission of Waiver Amendment Application for Michigan §1115 Behavioral Health Demonstration; Revised §1915(i) State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Community Support Services; and Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) SPAs

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 waiver amendment application for the Section 1115 Behavioral Health Demonstration; Section 1915(i) SPA for Community Support Services; and an ABP SPA request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Due to COVID-19 and the need to transition staffing resources to address the public health emergency, MDHHS is requesting a one-year extension to come into compliance with the eligibility determination requirements. The requirements transition the responsibility for eligibility determination to MDHHS staff. This does not impact service provision related to the 1915 (i) and State Plan Services. There will be no impact on Tribal Health Centers or tribal citizens as a result of this extension. The anticipated effective date of this waiver amendment application and SPAs is October 1, 2023.

The revised §1115 notice is available at www.michigan.gov/mdhhs >> Keeping Michigan Healthy >> Adult Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

There is no public hearing scheduled for these waiver and SPA changes. Input regarding these waiver and SPA changes 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 June 6, 2022.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings to discuss these waiver and SPA changes, 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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