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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

**RE:** Behavioral Health Home (BHH) Optimization and 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) to amend and expand Michigan's current BHH SPA for beneficiaries with Serious Mental Illness/Serious Emotional Disturbance (SMI/SED).

The BHH will provide comprehensive care management and coordination services to Medicaid beneficiaries with select SMI/SED diagnoses in Michigan's Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) Regions 1, 2, and 8. The SPA will amend the qualifying diagnoses, operational components, and expand the BHH to more geographic areas. The new qualifying diagnoses represent the highest cost/utilization ICD-10 codes for SMI/SED. In terms of operational components, the new structure will charge a Lead Entity (e.g., a PIHP) with the administrative oversight and payment for health home activities. The Lead Entity will partner with Health Home Partners that meet criteria specified in the SPA, and the payment will flow through the Lead Entity to the Health Home Partners. The staffing model and rates will be optimized to reflect an integrated care team to serve the highest-need SMI/SED beneficiaries. Finally, the BHH will be expanded to all counties within PIHP Regions 1, 2, and 8 to serve an estimated 5,000-6,000 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 BHH provider qualifications and standards are encouraged to participate and must adhere to the agreement outlined above. The anticipated effective date of this SPA is October 1, 2020.

The BHH will function as the central point of contact for directing patient-centered care across 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. 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 517-284-4034, or via email at [Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov](mailto:Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov). **Please provide all input by March 30, 2020.**

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.

Sincerely,



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