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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Intent to Submit an Amendment Application for the Section 1915(c) MI Health Link Waiver

This letter, in compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act, serves as to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors of the intent by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to submit an amendment application for the Section 1915(c) MI Health Link Waiver to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The following changes will be included in the amendment application:

1. Modifications to performance measure related to education about abuse, neglect, exploitation, and other critical incidents to clarify where the documentation should be found and the time period for review.
2. Modifications to the performance measure related to Individual Integrated Care and Supports Plan (IICSP) individualized goals.
3. Retire performance measure pertaining to the timeliness of the IICSP.
4. Addition of a performance measure related to required monthly contact between the Integrated Care Organization (ICO) and the waiver enrollee.
5. Clarification that the service definition for respite includes the following:
 - a. Attendant care (enrollee is not bed-bound) such as companionship, supervision, and/or assistance with toileting, eating, and ambulation.
 - b. Basic care (enrollee may or may not be bed-bound) such as assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs), a routine exercise regimen, and self-medication.
6. Addition of clarifying guidance related to critical incident reporting requirements when multiple incident types occur on the same day for the same beneficiary.
7. Modifications to the limitations for the environmental modifications service to exclude homes in the foreclosure process. Additionally, language will be added restricting modifications that would result in valuation of the structure significantly above comparable neighborhood real estate values.

8. Addition of language to the environmental modification service definition to provide further clarification about service standards and eligibility.

MDHHS expects this change to have little or no impact on Native American beneficiaries that qualify for and choose to utilize the waiver services. The anticipated effective date of this waiver amendment is January 1, 2021.

The Section 1915(c) MI Health Link waiver amendment application is available on the MDHHS website at www.michigan.gov/mihealthlink. The document is a draft and will be updated as needed until submitted for approval by October 1, 2020. At that time, the final version of the application will be posted online.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this waiver amendment application. Input regarding this waiver amendment application is highly encouraged, and comments 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. **Please provide all input by September 13, 2020.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings to discuss this waiver renewal, according to tribe 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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