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ROBERT GORDON
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July 30, 2020

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Notice of Intent to Submit Traditional State Plan and Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) Amendments to Allow Non-Physician Practitioners to Order Home Health Services and Durable Medical Equipment

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 State Plan and ABP amendment requests to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The amendments will allow MDHHS to implement CMS Final Rule CMS-5531, which amends CMS Rule 2348-F. The new federal regulations permit non-physician practitioners (e.g., nurse practitioners, physician assistants and clinical nurse specialists) to order home health services and durable medical equipment. These changes are expected to have a positive impact by expanding access to home health care and durable medical equipment for Native American beneficiaries. The anticipated effective date of the amendments is August 1, 2020.

There is no public hearing scheduled for these authorization changes. Input regarding these 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 517-284-4034, 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 these 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.

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MDHHS appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to care for the residents of our state.

Sincerely,

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Nancy Grano, CMS
Chastity Dial, CEO, American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeastern Michigan
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