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Dear Tribal Representative:

In accordance with section 1902(a)(73)(A) of the Social Security Act regarding the solicitation of advice prior to the submission of any Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) or waiver application or amendment likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) Division of Medicaid (Idaho Medicaid) provides notice on the following matter.

Purpose

Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a 1915(b) Managed Care waiver application titled Idaho Medicaid Plus to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on or before May 31, 2018 to allow for a phased in mandatory Medicaid Managed Care Program for full dual-eligible individuals in counties where there are at least two participating health plans. Currently, there are two participating health plans in Ada, Bannock, Bingham, Bonner, Bonneville, Canyon, Kootenai, Nez Perce, and Twin Falls counties.

In addition, the Aged and Disabled(A&D) 1915(c) waiver, Medicaid State Plan, and Idaho MMCP Quality Strategy must be amended to align with the Idaho Medicaid Plus 1915(b) waiver application.

Anticipated Impact on Indians/Indian Health Program/Urban Indian Organizations

Tribal members will be exempt from mandatory enrollment but will continue to be able to voluntarily enroll in the Medicare Medicaid Coordinated Plan. There is no anticipated impact on Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations.

Availability for Review

Idaho Medicaid will post the new Idaho Medicaid Plus application, the draft Aged and Disabled waiver amendment, and the revised Idaho MMCP Quality Strategy on the Medicaid webpage, located at <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/tabid/123/Default.aspx> on or before April 2, 2018

Comments and Questions

The tribal comment period will begin April 2, 2018 and continue through the close of business on May 1, 2018.

If you have any questions or wish to submit comments on the proposed waiver application, waiver amendment, State Plan amendment, or the Idaho MMCP Quality Strategy, you may email Idaho Medicaid at IdahoMMCP@dhw.idaho.gov or call Alexandra (Ali) Fernández at (208) 287-1179.

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Idaho Medicaid's proposed 1915(b) Idaho Medicaid Plus waiver application and Aged and Disabled waiver amendments will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting.

Sincerely,

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MATT WIMMER
Administrator
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