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Dear Tribal Representative:

We are writing to update you on our efforts to pursue Medicaid program waivers as described in the notice we sent to you on May 13, 2019 (attached). These waivers are being pursued to comply with new provisions in Idaho Code established during this year’s legislative session.

The Department intends to apply for an 1115 demonstration waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on or after **August 12, 2019**. We are posting formal public notice of this intent today (also attached). The purpose of the *Idaho Coverage Choice Waiver* is to provide Idahoans with incomes between 100% and 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL) with the option of choosing to retain their health plan through the state-based exchange, Your Health Idaho, or coverage through the Medicaid program.

The waiver application is available for review at <https://medicaidexpansion.idaho.gov/>. Public hearings will be held on the following dates and locations:

<p><u>Boise Public Hearing</u> July 11, 2019, 3:00 PM IDHW Westgate Office 1720 Westgate Drive Room 131 Boise, Idaho 83704 Or call in to 1-877-820-7831, 301388#</p>	<p><u>Public Meeting – Medical Care Advisory Committee</u> July 17, 2019, 1:30 PM Medicaid Division Office 3232 Elder St Boise, Idaho 83705</p>
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Interested parties may also request hard copies of the waiver packet or submit comments via email or traditional USPS mail to:

Attention: Cindy Brock
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Public comments will be accepted until Friday, August 9, 2019.

The proposed effective date for the Idaho Coverage Choice Waiver is January 1, 2020. The 1115 Idaho Coverage Choice Waiver coincides with the 1332 Idaho Coverage Choice Waiver that was released for public comment on May 31, 2019. Although these are two separate waiver applications, the intent and goals of the waivers are the same. As we await federal guidance on

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what type of waiver is required to allow Idahoans a choice in their health coverage options, Idaho is preparing both waivers.

The Department of Insurance and the Department of Health and Welfare have partnered closely on these waivers. Public comment and feedback provided on the 1332 waiver will be used and considered in the final submission of the 1115 waiver as well, making it easier for tribes and the public to avoid duplicate efforts in providing feedback.

If your tribe would like to set up a time for formal government to government consultation, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can work with you to set that up.

Sincerely,



Matt Wimmer
Administrator

Attachments: May 13th Tribal Notice
July 3rd Public Notice