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Dear Tribal Representative:

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

Purpose

Idaho Medicaid intends to submit applications to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) prior to June 30, 2017 to renew the Aged and Disabled (A&D) and Adult Developmental Disabilities (DD) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers.

Idaho Medicaid's currently approved waivers will expire on September 30, 2017. The proposed changes to the existing waivers are expected to include:

- Revisions to the reimbursement methodology for Residential Habilitation – Supportive Living services (prior notice and opportunity to comment regarding this change for the A&D HCBS waiver was given on August 19, 2016 and for the DD HCBS waiver was given on August 12, 2016);
- Updated cost projections and expected utilization of waiver services, based on historical trends; and
- Other minor revisions to clarify grammar and language.

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

Indians receiving waiver services may be impacted by these changes. There is no anticipated impact on Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations.

Availability for Review

Idaho Medicaid is in the process of drafting the waiver renewal applications, and will notify Tribal Representatives when these drafts become available for review.

Comments and Questions

Idaho Medicaid will make drafts of the proposed waiver renewal text available for tribal review and comment. This tribal comment period is expected to begin in early April 2017, and will continue for a period of at least 30 days. Idaho Medicaid will notify Tribal Representatives of the specific dates prior to the start of the comment period.

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If you have any questions prior to the start of the official comment period, you may email Idaho Medicaid at HCBSWaivers@dhw.idaho.gov or call Ali Fernández at (208) 287-1156 for questions pertaining to the A&D HCBS waiver renewal and Karen Westbrook at (208) 364-1960 for questions pertaining to the DD HCBS waiver renewal.

Idaho Medicaid's renewal of the HCBS waivers will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting.

Sincerely,



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