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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 likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Division of Medicaid (Idaho Medicaid) provides notice on the following matter.

Purpose

Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a SPA to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on or before December 28, 2017 to renew Idaho's 1915(i) State Plan Option Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Benefit for Adults with Developmental Disabilities (Adult DD State Plan HCBS Benefit).

Idaho Medicaid's currently approved Adult DD State Plan HCBS Benefit will expire on June 30, 2018. At this time, the proposed changes to the existing Adult DD State Plan HCBS Benefit are expected to include:

- Addition of habilitation support services;
- Updates to the projected number of participants based on historical trends;
- Addition of statements regarding the reasonable indication of need for services;
- Addition of relevant information from the approved HCBS settings Statewide Transition Plan (STP);
- Addition of statements regarding the limitations on the amount of services available;
- Revisions to the quality improvement strategy;
- Technical changes to accurately reflect current administration and operation; and
- Other minor revisions to correct language and grammar.

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 Adult DD State Plan HCBS Benefit renewal, and will notify Tribal Representatives when these drafts become available for review.

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Comments and Questions

Idaho Medicaid will make drafts of the proposed Adult DD State Plan HCBS Benefit renewal text available for tribal review and comment. This tribal comment period is expected to begin in late October 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 formal comment period.

If you have any questions prior to the start of this comment period, you may email Idaho Medicaid at HCBSWaivers@dhw.idaho.gov or call Karen Westbrook at (208) 364-1960.

Idaho Medicaid's renewal of the Adult DD State Plan HCBS Benefit will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Wimmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matt" and last name "Wimmer" clearly legible.

MATT WIMMER
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