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*Dear Tribal Representative:*

This is to let you know that Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) in order to change the payment policy for facilities operated by Indian Health Service (IHS) or by Tribes. We intend to submit the SPA no later than December 28, 2017.

These changes will update the payment policy which affects federal funding for services received by Medicaid-eligible individuals who are Tribal Medicaid beneficiaries through facilities operated by Indian Health Service (IHS) or by Tribes. These changes will allow IHS/Tribal facilities to enter into written care coordination agreements with non-IHS/Tribal providers to furnish certain services for their patients who are Tribal Medicaid beneficiaries.

This change, effective January 1, 2018, is intended to help Idaho, the IHS, and Tribes to improve delivery systems for Tribal Medicaid beneficiaries by increasing access to care, strengthening continuity of care, and improving population health.

Tribal facilities that wish to bill for services furnished to their Medicaid beneficiaries outside of their "four walls" will need to change their provider enrollment from "clinic" to a Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC) by applying to become an FQHC through Molina Healthcare at [www.idmedicaid.com](http://www.idmedicaid.com) after January 1, 2018.

Idaho Medicaid's development of the proposed SPA will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting scheduled for November 8, 2017. Idaho Medicaid is interested in receiving your comments, questions or suggestions relating to this change. Should you have questions regarding this SPA, please contact KayLee Leavitt, Senior Financial Specialist, Office of Reimbursement, Bureau of Financial Operations, Division of Medicaid at (208) 287-1175 or [kaylee.leavitt@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:kaylee.leavitt@dhw.idaho.gov) prior to December 26, 2017.

Sincerely,

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