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Dear Tribal Representatives:

On March 31, 2017, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's (IDHW) renewal for the 1915b Idaho Behavior Health Plan waiver. This waiver included special terms and conditions agreed upon between Idaho, tribal nations in Idaho and CMS that responded to specific tribal concerns. In conjunction with that approval, we also issued a formal policy statement indicating our intent to work with tribes around future development of tribal managed care approaches to service delivery.

We are convening a workgroup consisting of representatives of Indian Health Care Providers, State Medicaid staff, and Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) staff to outline the actions, resources and timelines necessary to implement a tribal managed care program consistent with federal requirements for Medicaid.

This workgroup will assist us in developing a planning report to be delivered to the Director of the IDHW and the Chairs of Tribes in Idaho and the NPAIHB no later than October 1, 2017. Following the delivery of this, Idaho will continue working collaboratively with tribes who are interested in implementing a managed care program.

If you are interested in participating on this workgroup, please contact George Gutierrez, Deputy Administrator, Division of Medicaid at george.gutierrez@dhw.idaho.gov.

We appreciate the opportunity to work in partnership with tribes in Idaho and look forward to working together to improve our system of care with your support.

Respectfully,

MATT WIMMER
Administrator

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