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To: Oregon Tribal Representatives

Subject: Opportunity to comment on State Plan Amendment

This letter is to give you information and an opportunity to comment on the state's upcoming requests to the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval to revise Attachment 4.19-B of the existing state plan.

CMS is requesting that the state submit an Attachment 4.19-B SPA which comprehensively describes the elements of each facilities rate under the state's current reimbursement methodology for Personal Care Services Provided in Residential Mental Health Facilities. This will not have an impact on Tribal entities or members as it does not change the current payment methodology but better describes it within the SPA.

CMS has requested that this SPA be submitted by March 31, 2013. Due to these time constraints we are requesting an expedited review per the Tribal consultation policy. OHA appreciates your interest in the OHP and its impact on tribal members and entities. We will consider all feedback as we develop the State Plan request for this change. Please share this information with any individuals or groups who may be interested in or affected by the changes.

Please send written comments by March 25, 2013 to Jesse Anderson; Division of Medical Assistance Programs; Oregon Health Authority; 500 Summer St. NE; Salem, OR 97301-1079 or jesse.anderson@state.or.us.

