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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 1915(b) waiver amendment likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (Idaho Medicaid) seeks your advice on the following matter.

**Purpose**

Idaho Medicaid is complying with Idaho Code §56-267, as certified into law on November 20, 2018. This statute directs the Department to add healthcare coverage under the Medicaid State Plan for individuals from the age of nineteen (19) up to the age of sixty-five (65) with Modified Adjusted Gross Income less than or equal to one hundred thirty-three (133%) of the federal poverty level, who are not otherwise eligible for coverage under the Medicaid State Plan, in accordance with section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) and 1902(14) of the Social Security Act.

Idaho Medicaid must submit multiple policy actions to accomplish this work, which will include State Plan and 1915(b) waiver amendments, as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Our policy actions will require documents to support:

- Adding the Adult Group as a covered eligibility group within our existing Basic and Enhanced Alternative Benefit Plans (ABP's)
- Adding the Adult Group as a covered eligibility group within our existing 1915(b) managed care waivers for behavioral health and dental services
- Amending existing State Plan pages to add the Adult Group as a covered population
- Amending existing State Plan pages for hospital presumptive eligibility processes and procedures to add the Adult Group
- Adding a new section of State Plan pages to describe operational procedures the State must follow when determining eligibility to secure the 90/10 federal matching rate for the Adult Group
- Other State Plan pages, as determined through consultation with CMS

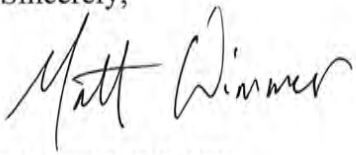
**Proposed Effective Date**
The Department intends to submit these policy actions to CMS on or before February 19, 2019 with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2020.

**Anticipated Impact on Indians/Tribal Health Programs/Urban Indian Organizations (ITU)**
We anticipate these policy changes will significantly improve access to Medicaid services for some Idaho resident members of tribes. It will have significant impacts for Tribal Health Programs who serve this population. The Department is dedicated to working in a collaborative effort with the Tribes to address any concerns or questions you may have regarding impacts to your facilities or members.

**Comments, Input, and Tribal Concerns**
Idaho Medicaid would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal Representatives wish to share regarding these changes. In order to allow for a timely submission to CMS, please submit any comments for these changes **prior to January 16, 2019** via email to: Cindy.Brock@dhw.idaho.gov.

Idaho Medicaid's development of these policy changes will be shared in more detail and reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting, currently scheduled for February 20, 2019 in Boise, Idaho.

Sincerely,



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