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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:

- 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);
- Clarifications regarding limitations on amount of developmental therapy services;
- Clarifications regarding the provision of community crisis support services;
- Clarifications regarding the prospective individual budget amount as a limit on the amount of services;
- Revisions to the quality improvement strategy;
- Technical changes to accurately reflect current administration and operation;
- Updates to the CMS form; 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.

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Availability for Review

A copy of the proposed SPA to renew Idaho's Adult DD State Plan HCBS Benefit is available on the Department's website at:

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/tabid/123/Default.aspx>.

Comments and Questions

Idaho Medicaid would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal Representatives wish to share regarding this SPA. Please return any comments to Idaho Medicaid at 1-855-249-5024 or by email at HCBSWaivers@dhw.idaho.gov by Monday, November 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Idaho Medicaid's SPA to renew 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 written in a cursive style.

MATT WIMMER
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