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*Dear Tribal Representative:*

The purpose of this letter is to give notice that Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) and an amendment to the Aged and Disabled 1915(c) waiver in order to reflect changes to the Medicare-Medicaid Coordinated Plan. We intend to submit the SPA and waiver amendment no later than December 31, 2016.

The Medicare-Medicaid Coordinated Plan (MMCP) is a voluntary managed care plan available to Idaho residents over age 21 that are dually eligible for Medicare Parts A and B and full Medicaid benefits. Currently, the plan is available in 42 out of Idaho's 44 counties. The health plan administering the MMCP, Blue Cross of Idaho Care Plus, Inc., received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to reduce the service area effective January 1, 2017. The service area will include the following counties: Ada, Bannock, Bingham, Boise, Bonner, Bonneville, Boundary, Canyon, Cassia, Clark, Elmore, Fremont, Gem, Jefferson, Kootenai, Madison, Minidoka, Nez Perce, Owyhee, Payette, Power, Twin Falls. The MMCP Alternative Benefit Plan and Aged and Disabled waiver must be updated to reflect the geographic availability of the program.

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 3, 2016. Idaho Medicaid is interested in receiving your comments, questions or suggestions relating to this change. Should you have questions about this letter or the upcoming SPA submission, please contact Ali Fernández at (208) 287-1156 or by email at [FernandA@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:FernandA@dhw.idaho.gov) prior to November 30, 2016.

Sincerely,

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