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Dear Tribal Representative:

This letter is to inform you that Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to add new school-based developmental disabilities services for children. This SPA will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) no later than March 1, 2013.

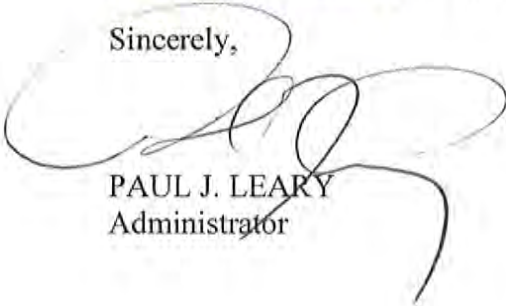
This change is proposed as a result of the removal of children's developmental therapy and intensive behavioral intervention (IBI) from the State Plan. The Department of Health and Welfare has worked in collaboration with the State Department of Education, the Idaho Association of School Administrators, and several other school district representatives as part of a School-Based Medicaid Committee, to identify replacement services (both new and existing) that can be used to address children's developmental disabilities needs in the school setting. While developing these services, the committee kept in mind the purpose of Medicaid funding in the schools and regulations that must be followed under the State Plan authority.

The new replacement school-based services include behavioral intervention and behavioral consultation, and may be reviewed in detail on the Idaho Training Clearinghouse website at <http://www.idahotc.com/medicaid/Trainings.aspx>. The new services are proposed to be implemented on July 1, 2013.

Idaho Medicaid's development of the SPA will be reviewed as part of the policy update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting. Idaho Medicaid is interested in receiving your comments, questions or suggestions relating to these changes.

Should you have questions about this letter or comments about the upcoming SPA submission, please contact Lauren Ertz, Alternative Care Coordinator, at (208) 287-1169, or by e-mail at ertzl@dhw.idaho.gov prior to December 15, 2012.

Sincerely,



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