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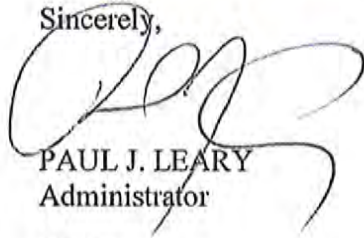
Dear Tribal Representative:

This letter is to inform you that Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in order to comply with new federal regulations.

The new SPA will allow reimbursement of barbituates and benzodiazepines, except for participants who are dually eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, when used in the treatment of epilepsy, cancer or a chronic mental health disorder as Part D Medicare will cover those indications.

Idaho Medicaid's development of this SPA will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting scheduled for February 6, 2013. 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 Ms. Jeanne Siroky, Alternative Care Coordinator, at (208) 364-1897, or by e-mail at sirokyj@dhw.idaho.gov, by January 25, 2013.

Sincerely,



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