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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 (Idaho Medicaid) seeks your advice on the following matter.

**Purpose**

Idaho Medicaid intends to submit two (2) State Plan Amendments (SPA's) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to streamline the process by which children within the Idaho Medicaid program receive early intervention services provided in coordination with our IDEA Part (C) lead agency, the Idaho Infant Toddler Program (ITP).

This change will allow services provided to children with special healthcare needs (who are between 0 – 3 years old) and currently provided by the ITP, to be billed to Medicaid and will allow the State to leverage federal funds to better support those services.

**Anticipated Impact on Indians/Tribal Health Programs/Urban Indian Organizations (ITU)**

We anticipate the SPA's to improve access to Medicaid services for some resident members of tribes in Idaho.

**The State intends to submit the SPA's to CMS on or about March 30, 2018 with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2018.**

**Comments, Input, and Tribal Concerns**

Idaho Medicaid would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal Representatives wish to share regarding the SPA's. In order to allow for a timely submission to CMS, Please submit any comments prior to March 15, 2018, to Cindy Brock, Alternative Care Coordinator at [cindy.brock@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:cindy.brock@dhw.idaho.gov).

Idaho Medicaid's development of the SPA's will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting, currently scheduled for February 22, 2018 in Boise, Idaho.

Sincerely,

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