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Dear Tribal Representative:

This is to let you know that Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) in order to change the payment policy for facilities operated by Indian Health Service (IHS) or by Tribes. We intend to submit the SPA no later than June 7, 2019.

Under the authority of section 1902(bb)(6) of the Social Security Act, state Medicaid agencies and Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs) may agree to use an Alternative Payment Methodology to determine rates. The rates will be determined based on the encounter rate. Amounts paid by the state Medicaid program for services to tribal members requested by facility practitioners in accordance with written care coordination agreements are eligible for federal matching funds at the enhanced federal matching rate of 100 percent (100%).

The State Plan Amendment (SPA) will update the payment policy which affects federal funding for services received by Medicaid-eligible individuals who are Tribal Medicaid beneficiaries through facilities operated by Indian Health Service (IHS) or by Tribes. These changes will allow IHS/Tribal facilities to enter into written care coordination agreements with non-IHS/Tribal providers to furnish certain services for their patients who are Tribal Medicaid beneficiaries.

This change, effective July 1, 2019, is intended to help Idaho, the IHS, and Tribes to improve healthcare delivery systems for Tribal Medicaid beneficiaries by increasing access to care, strengthening continuity of care, and improving population health.

Tribal facilities that wish to bill for services furnished to their Medicaid beneficiaries outside of the “four walls” of their facility will need to have completed the change of their provider enrollment from “clinic” to a Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC) through DXC at www.idmedicaid.com prior to the date of service. The final date for a facility to change its provider enrollment is January 30, 2021.

Idaho Medicaid’s development of the proposed 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 this change.

Should you have questions or comments regarding this SPA, please contact KayLee Leavitt, Senior Financial Specialist, Office of Reimbursement, Bureau of Financial Operations, Division of Medicaid at (208) 287-1175 or kaylee.leavitt@dhw.idaho.gov prior to May 11, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Wimmer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

MATT WIMMER
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