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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 1915(b) waiver amendment likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) seeks your advice on the following matter.

Purpose

This State Plan Amendment (SPA) expands the coverage for individuals who qualify for Medicaid coverage based on pregnancy to the full range of services in our existing Alternative Benefit Basic and Enhanced Plans. This change in coverage is to ensure pregnant or post-partum participants receive all medically necessary services to meet their medical needs. This policy change aligns with the Department's strategic goal, which is to: *Ensure the delivery of services that promote healthier, safer, self-sufficient Idahoans.* Ensuring a pregnant or post-partum participant's medically necessary needs are met, promotes healthier long-term outcomes for both the participant and the child. Healthier Idahoans are more self-sufficient Idahoans.

Proposed Effective Date

The Department intends to submit this SPA to CMS on or before **October 1, 2019** with a proposed effective date of **January 1, 2020**.

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

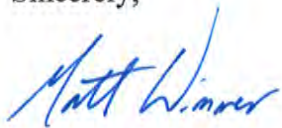
The Department anticipates better outcomes for Tribal members who are eligible due to pregnancy and/or receive services through Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations. This policy change will be part of the policy update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting.

Comments, Input, and Tribal Concerns

Idaho Medicaid appreciates any input or concerns that Tribal Representatives wish to share regarding this change. In order to allow for a timely submission to CMS, please submit any comments regarding the SPA prior to **September 30, 2019** to my staff via phone, email or mail:

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Sincerely,



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