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Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to give notice that Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA). Idaho's Alternative Benefit Plans (ABPs) are indexed to a Base Benchmark Plan selected by Idaho Medicaid, the Preferred Blue PPO Small Group Plan, offered by Blue Cross of Idaho Health Service, Inc. (BCI). Although this SPA is intended to align the ABPs with minor changes made in 2014 to the Base Benchmark Plan, the amendment is not expected to result in any significant and material changes to member benefits under the State Plan.

We intend to submit the SPA no later than March 31, 2017. The effective date of these changes is January 1, 2017.

The bulk of the changes are to align Idaho's Alternative Benefit Plans (ABPs) with revisions by BCI to the Lifetime Limits, Amount Limits, Authorization Requirements, and/or Scope Limits for certain benefits being offered under this plan. Other changes to the ABPs are being made to clarify benefits or policies, to reflect amendments to federal regulations or state administrative rules, or to correct typographical or technical errors in the current versions on file.

Idaho Medicaid's development of the proposed SPA will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting, tentatively scheduled for February 16, 2017. Idaho Medicaid is interested in receiving your comments, questions, or suggestions relating to this change. Should you have questions about this letter or the upcoming SPA submission, please contact Clay Lord at (208) 364-1979 or by e-mail at Clay.Lord@dhw.idaho.gov prior to February 28, 2017.

Sincerely,

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