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**TO:** Emergency Transportation (Ambulance Service) Providers

**FROM:** Leslie M. Clement, Administrator

**SUBJECT:** **CO-PAYMENT FOR NON-EMERGENCY USE OF AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Idaho Medicaid is implementing co-payment provisions of House Bill #663 passed by the 2006 Idaho legislature. The purpose of this Information Release is to provide guidance regarding the collection of co-payments for using ambulance transportation for non-emergent medical conditions.

Beginning with dates of service on or after February 1, 2007, ambulance providers may bill Medicaid participants a three dollar ($3) co-payment for inappropriate ambulance service utilization when the following conditions are met:

- ✓ The Department determines that the Medicaid participant's medical condition did not require emergency ambulance transportation, and
- ✓ The Department determines that the Medicaid participant is not exempt from making co-payments according to federal statute.

The Department will notify both the ambulance provider and the Medicaid participant on the "Notice of Decision" letter when a participant may be billed for a co-payment. **Please note: collection of the co-payment is at the discretion of provider and is not required by Idaho Medicaid.**

This information is in addendum to Section 3 of the Ambulance Provider Handbook.

If you have questions about this policy or the rule changes made to implement this policy, please contact Arla Farmer at the Division of Medicaid at (208) 364-1958. Thank you for your continued participation in the Idaho Medicaid program.

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