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Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

Our records indicate that your child is currently funded under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Children whose health coverage is through CHIP **do not** qualify for Children's DD benefits. In order to qualify to receive Developmental Disabilities services, your child must be eligible through Social Security Administration (SSA) or the Katie Becket program.

If you have accessed services in the past month, there may be options to cover services for the next 120 days while you complete the steps below to get funding that will cover Children's DD services. Please discuss this with your case manager. If you are new to services you must first complete the process below.

Your child must be determined eligible by the following:

- a. Meet the income limits for Aged/Blind/Disabled (AABD) Medicaid or Katie Becket funding and
- b. Have a qualifying disability

To determine if your child qualifies based on his/her income and disability, your family may apply one of three ways:

- 1. Contact the Self Reliance office at 1-877-456-1233 or visit in person, let them know that your child is currently covered under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and is developmentally disabled and you would like to see if your child is eligible to apply for a disability determination through Katie Beckett.
- 2. Apply for assistance for your child through the Social Security Administration. Through this process, your child may qualify for a financial benefit in addition to the disability determination.
- 3. Request that a disability determination through the Department of Labor be conducted for your child. If you know you are over income and/or have spoken to the Social Security Administration and know that your child will not qualify for benefits due to your income, you may request a disability determination be completed by the Department's contractor. This may qualify your child for AABD Medicaid or Katie Beckett programs.

To apply for a Disability Determination:

Contact the Self Reliance office at 1-877-456-1233 or visit in person. Request a Disability Determination through the Department's contractor - DDS.

- a) If your child is considered disabled through this review process, your child may be eligible for Medicaid services through the Aged/Blind/Disabled program.
- b. If your family's income is too high to qualify for Medicaid, your child may be eligible to receive services through Katie Beckett.

If you choose to apply for SSA benefits:

Call the Social Security office at (800) 772-1213, and ask to apply for your child.

- a) If your child is found eligible for benefits:
 - (1) Social Security will send a letter of approval.
 - (2) Contact the Self Reliance office at 1-877-456-1233 or visit in person, take a copy of the letter in to Self-Reliance and let them know your child was funded under CHIP but now qualifies for Social Security benefits, and you would like to apply for Medicaid.
- b) If your child is not eligible for Social Security benefits
 - (1) Ask the Social Security office what the reason is for the denial. Get the denial letter if possible.
 - (2) If the denial is based on your family not meeting the financial requirements for SSI you can take that information to Self-Reliance, let them know that your child has a disability and you were denied benefits based on your income.

Please keep in mind that the processes outlined above may take time to complete due to the requirements for providing documentation and the review process. Please plan accordingly to avoid a lapse in service for your child.

If you have questions, please contact me at (208) 334-5701, or by e-mail at FadnessR@dhw.idaho.gov. We can discuss your options for services based on the information received.

If you feel you have received this letter in error please contact me immediately to research your child's case.

To stay current on information, please visit the Children's Developmental Disabilities Services website at www.childrensDDservices.dhw.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

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