## INFORMATIONAL LETTER #2000-14

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TO: DHW REGIONAL DIRECTORS

ALL ICF/MR ADMINISTRATORS

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COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

IDAHO PARENTS UNLIMITED

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SUBJECT: ICF/MR BED CAP PROCEDURES

During the 2000 Legislative session, legislative intent language was approved which provides Medicaid cost controls. One of the cost controls included in the intent language was to cap the number of beds in private Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Mental Retardation (ICF's/MR) funded by Medicaid at 486, including any beds planned or under construction. To decide how the cap would be implemented, input was sought from the Idaho Association of Community Options and Resources (IACOR), advocates, and Department of Health and Welfare staff. The enclosed Implementation Procedures were developed and agreed upon by all parties involved.

The bed cap was set by the Legislature at 486. There are currently 474 licensed ICF/MR beds in private ICF's/MR, leaving a discrepancy of 12 beds (486-474=12). To meet the emergency and respite needs of individuals with developmental disabilities, the decision was made to retain the 12 beds for time-limited emergency use in current ICF's/MR. This is not a new process or use of beds. IDAPA 16.03.11.320.02 Rules and Regulations Governing ICF's/MR currently states:

"License Must Specify Maximum Allowable Beds. Each license must specify the maximum allowable number of beds in each facility, which number cannot be exceeded, except on a time-limited emergency basis, with authorization of the Department."

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For many years, the Department has utilized this option to meet local and statewide emergency and respite needs.

The Department will continue to work with providers and advocates to improve the services and choices available to persons with developmental disabilities, while at the same time, increasing cost efficiency. Our meetings, to date, have been both positive and productive.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the bed cap, please contact Sylvia Creswell, Non-Long Term Care Supervisor, at (208) 334-6626 or by E-mail at <a href="mailto:creswsa@mmis.state.id.us">creswsa@mmis.state.id.us</a>.

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