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Melanie Bella Director, Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office

Letter sent via e-mail

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Dear Ms. Bella:

In response to the July 8, 2011 letter to state Medicaid directors ("Re: Financial Models to Support State Efforts to Integrate Care for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees"), the state of Idaho is submitting this Letter of Intent to indicate that it plans to participate in an effort to integrate care for dually eligible Medicare-Medicaid enrollees in the state of Idaho. Idaho intends to form a partnership with CMS to implement a Medicare-Medicaid care coordination initiative to enhance the quality of care and reduce costs. The target date for implementation is by the end of the 2012 calendar year.

The state of Idaho plans to use the capitated approach to integration of care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees. Idaho would like to enter into a three-way contract along with CMS and the participating health plans. The health plans would receive a prospective, blended payment to provide comprehensive, seamless coverage to Medicare-Medicaid enrollees.

Individuals in the state of Idaho who are eligible for Medicare and full Medicaid benefits would be eligible for participation. The service area would be statewide. Participating health plans would provide for all medically necessary Medicare and Medicaid-covered services under a capitation financing model.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this program. Please contact Natalie Peterson, Idaho's point of contact for this initiative, at PetersN2@dhw.idaho.gov or 208-287-1179 if you have any questions or need any further information regarding this Letter of Intent.

Sincerely,

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