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Dear Tribal Representative:

In accordance with section 1902(a)(73)(A) of the Social Security Act regarding the solicitation of advice prior to the submission of any Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) or waiver likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (Idaho Medicaid) seeks your advice on the following matter.

Purpose

The Department intends to submit an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a demonstration waiver. The purpose of the waiver is to provide Medicaid coverage to children and adults with a complex medical condition with the goal of improving access to consistent and comprehensive coverage which fully meets their needs.

Today Idahoans afflicted with a complex life-threatening medical condition rely on a mix of federally subsidized insurance, catastrophic health care fund coverage, and charity care to meet their needs. Accessing these variable methods of coverage results in an additional burden for Idahoans and their families at a time when they have the most difficulty in effectively managing the daily challenges of life related to their condition. By providing a reliable and comprehensive source of coverage, the CMN waiver will allow for better outcomes for this population while reducing the negative impacts of unpredictable costs for these consumers and for the healthcare marketplace.

The waiver application is available for review on our website at www.cmnwaiver@dhw.idaho.gov. The Department is seeking public comment through the website, public hearings, via email or USPS mail through the contact provided at the end of this notice. You are afforded three opportunities to attend a hearing in person or by teleconference on the days and times listed below:

Boise Public Hearing

Location: Pete T. Cenarrusa Bldg.
7th Floor, Conference Rm. 7A
450 W. State St.
Date: December 7, 2017
Time: 11:00AM - 1:00 PM

Pocatello Public Hearing

Location: DHW Region VI
Suite #230
1070 Hiline Rd.
Date: December 8, 2017
Time: 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Coeur d'Alene Public Hearing

Location: DHW Region I
Large Conference Rm.
1120 Ironwood Dr.
Date: December 12, 2017
Time: 10:00AM - 12:00PM PDT

Conference line for all dates and locations:

Call: 1-877-820-7831

Guest Code: 701700

Anticipated Impact on Indians/Tribal Health Programs/Urban Indian Organizations (ITU)

While this waiver will provide access to Medicaid services for this population, no significant impact to ITU providers is anticipated. Some Idaho resident members of tribes in Idaho may be provided greater access to coverage than is currently available.

Comments, Input, and Tribal Concerns

Idaho Medicaid would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal Representatives wish to share regarding this waiver application. In order to allow for a timely submission to CMS, this solicitation is being made under expedited circumstances. Please submit any comments prior to December 15, 2017, to Cindy Brock, Alternative Care Coordinator at cmnwaiver@dhw.idaho.gov.

Idaho Medicaid's development of the waiver application will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting, currently scheduled for November 8, 2017 in Lapwai, Idaho.

Sincerely,

MATT WIMMER
Administrator

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