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# Idaho Medicaid Plus Overview and Public Comment

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# Goals of Today's Presentation

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- Provide an overview of a new program for Duals, called "Idaho Medicaid Plus."
- Share the timeline for program implementation.
- Review the materials that are currently out for formal public comment.

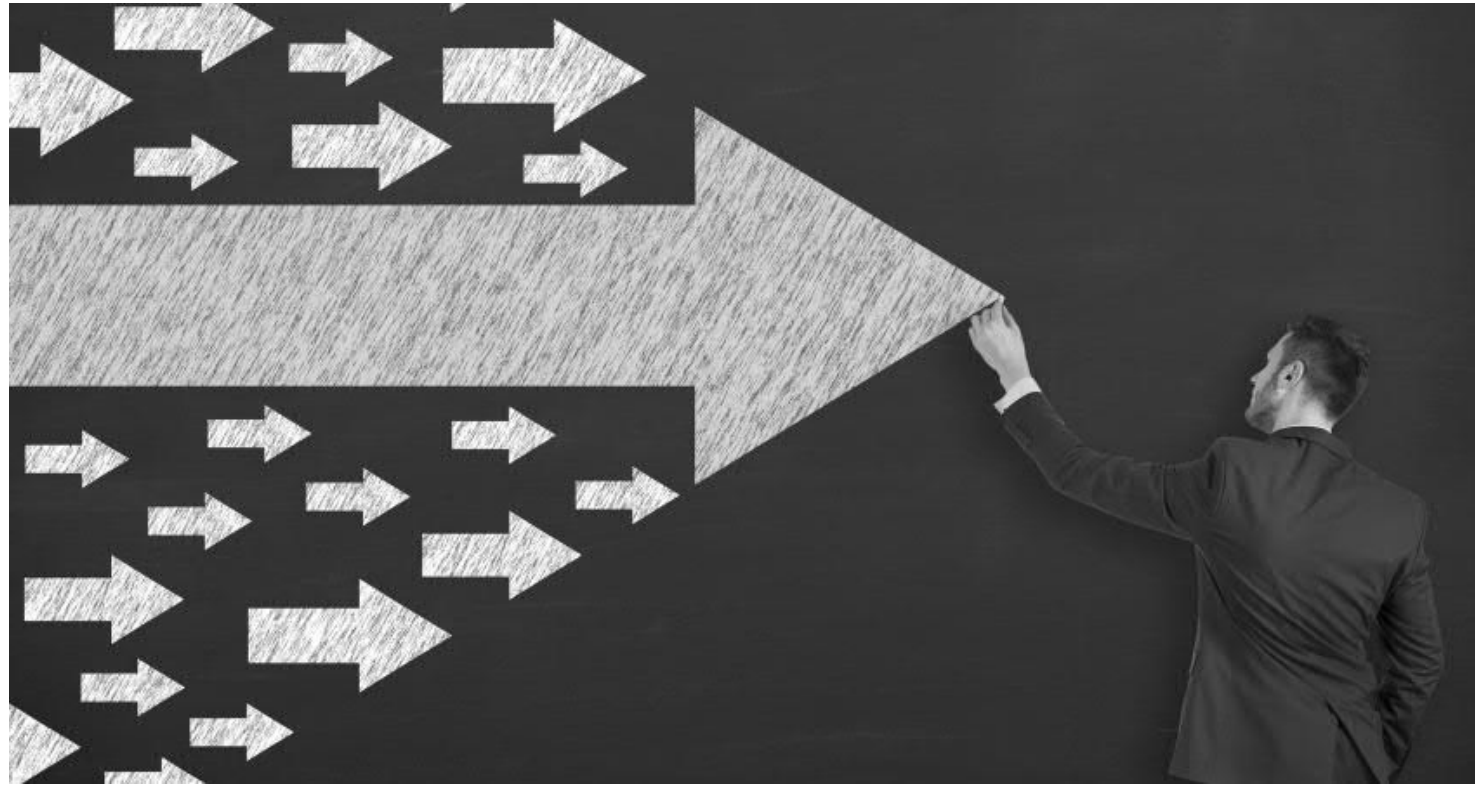


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The MMCP and Idaho Medicaid Plus are solutions to a Legislative mandate to align Medicare & Medicaid benefits for Dual Eligible participants



# Who is considered a Dual?

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- Dual Eligible participants are those who are eligible and enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid
- Dual Eligible participants are 21 years of age or older

# Doesn't Medicaid already have a program for Duals?

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- Yes. The Medicare Medicaid Coordinated Plan (MMCP) is a voluntary program that is offered by Blue Cross of Idaho and Molina Healthcare of Idaho, depending on where you live.
- The MMCP integrates all Medicare Parts A, B, and D benefits with most Medicaid benefits.

# MMCP Covered Benefits

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- Hospital
- Medical
- Prescription Drugs
- Behavioral Health
- Nursing Home and ICF/ID
- Aged & Disabled Waiver
- Personal Care Services
- Developmental Disability Targeted Service Coordination

# What is Idaho Medicaid Plus?

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- Idaho Medicaid Plus is for Duals in specific counties who have not enrolled in the MMCP.
- Idaho Medicaid Plus will administer most Medicaid benefits.



# What is Idaho Medicaid Plus?

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- It will be mandatory, depending on where you live.
- This means Duals will have to select a plan to manage their Medicaid benefits.
- Some Duals are excluded, including Tribal members, pregnant women, and participants on the Adult Developmental Disabilities waiver

# Idaho Medicaid Plus Covered Benefits

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- Aged & Disabled Waiver
- Personal Care Services
- Behavioral Health
- Nursing Home
- PLUS, co-payments for Medicare-covered services, such as hospital, physician, outpatient therapies, etc.

\*Some Medicaid services won't change, including Transportation and Dental.

# Key Points for Participants

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- You aren't losing any of your Medicaid benefits.
- You will have three months to choose a health plan. If you don't pick, our system will auto-assign you to one of the plans.
- Your Medicare coverage will not be affected by your **Idaho Medicaid Plus**.

# Key Points for Providers

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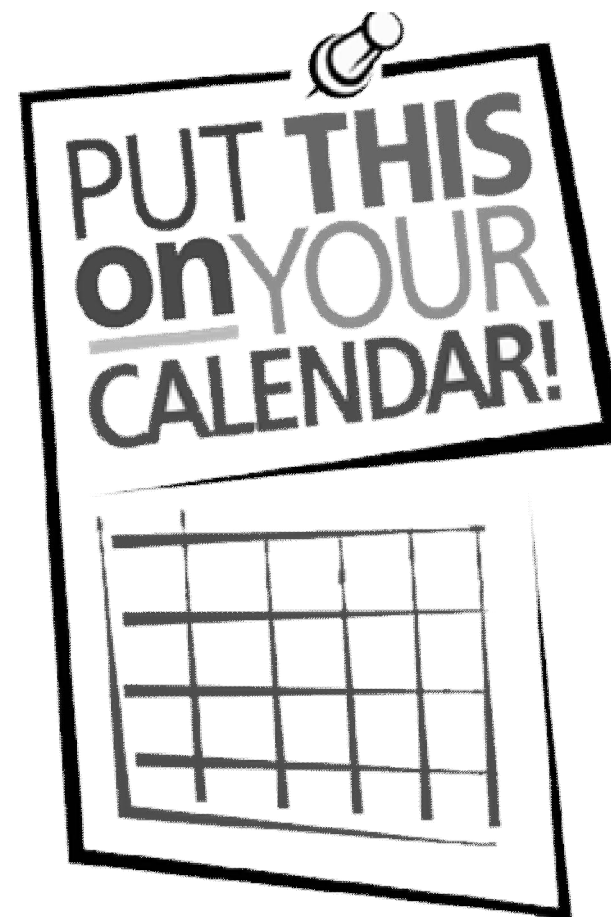
- We encourage you to become a contracted provider with both Blue Cross of Idaho and Molina Healthcare of Idaho.
- To ensure prompt payment, you will need to ensure you bill the correct entity.
- Both Health Plans must pay at minimum the Medicaid rate for the same service.



# SMOOTH TRANSITIONS

- All Medicaid services the Dual Participant is receiving must be kept in place with existing providers for 90 days
- The Health Plans are required to pay a non-contracted provider the Medicaid rate during this transition period
- Providers are encouraged to contract with the Health Plans during this transition period

There will be more opportunities to learn about Idaho Medicaid Plus in the upcoming months.



# Implementation Schedule

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- We are targeting Twin Falls County to implement Idaho Medicaid Plus effective October 1, 2018.
- Idaho Medicaid Plus will expand to additional counties after successful implementation in Twin Falls County.

# Idaho Medicaid Plus Targeted Counties

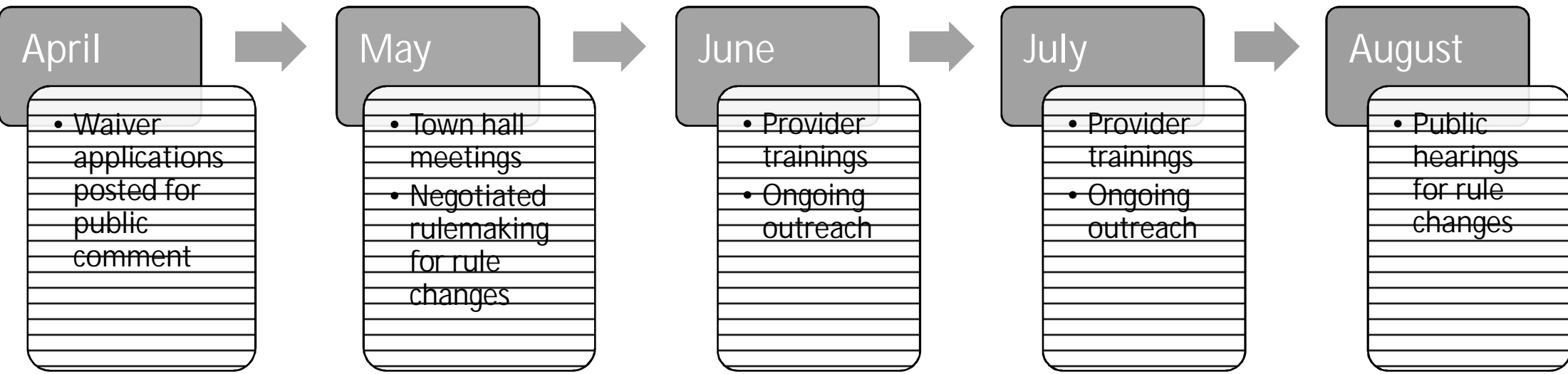
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- Bannock
- Bingham
- Bonner
- Bonneville
- Canyon
- Kootenai
- Nez Perce
- Twin Falls



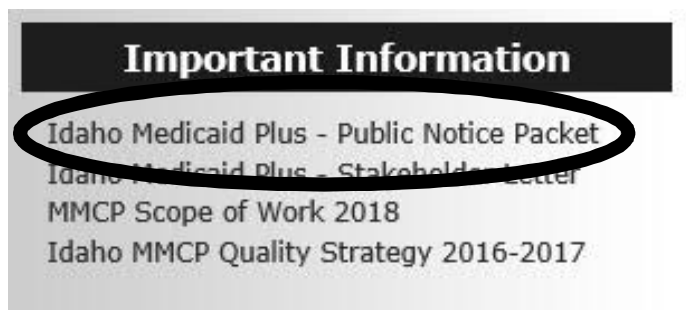


# Opportunities for Information and Public Comment

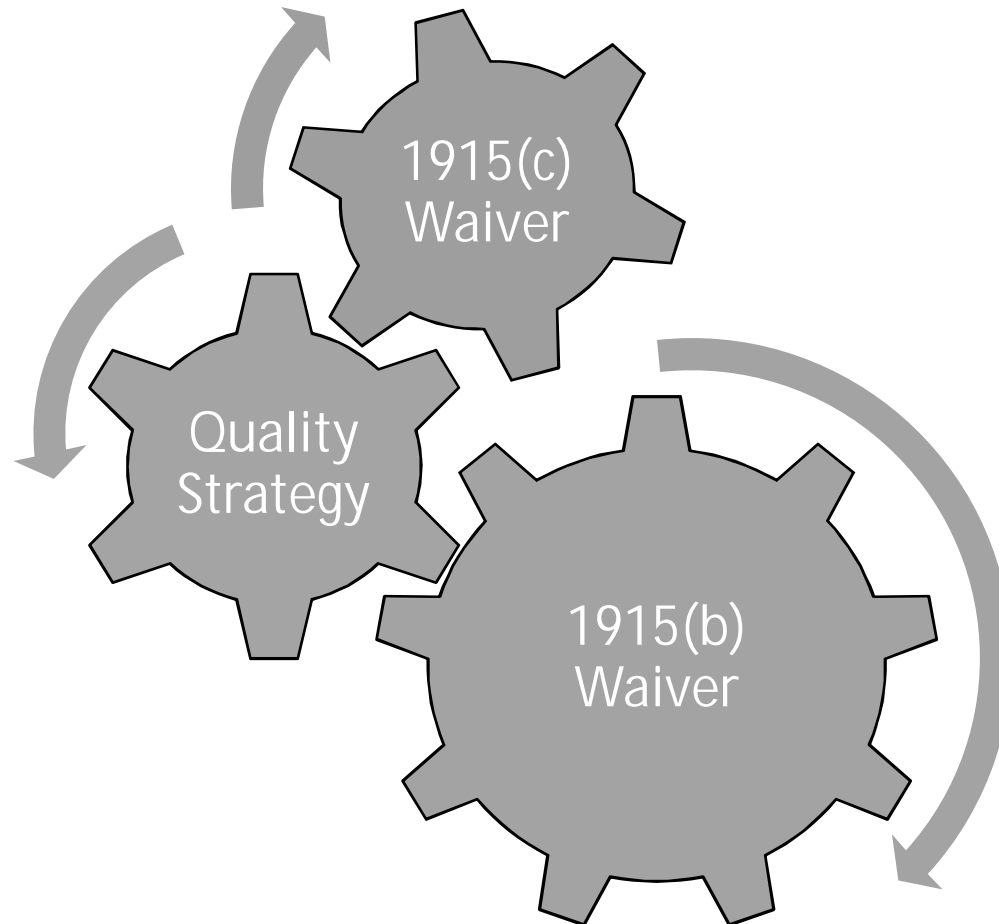


# Public Comment Materials

The materials out for public comment, including a waiver application, are located on our webpage at <http://MMCP.dhw.Idaho.gov> under "Important Information"



# Idaho Medicaid Plus Materials



# What is a waiver?

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- A waiver is an application from the state to our federal partner, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), requesting approval to operate certain types of Medicaid programs.
- In order to implement Idaho Medicaid Plus, we need to submit all three documents to CMS.
- Before we submit to CMS, we need your feedback!

# 1915(b) Waiver – Managed Care

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- A 1915(b) waiver gives the state authority to operate a managed care program.
- The Idaho Medicaid Plus draft waiver application starts on page 2 of the Public Notice Packet.
- The application is divided into four major sections.

## Section A

- Detailed description of the program. How does it “look” in practice?
- Description of target population, covered services, service area, etc.
- Includes many assurances that the state must make confirming it will follow applicable federal regulations

## Section B

- Description of how the State will maintain oversight of the managed care program.

## Section C

- This section will include the state’s findings from the activities described in Section B.
- For now, this section is blank since this is a brand new application.

## Section D

- This section includes cost-effectiveness data and is not included for public comment.
- This is used to demonstrate that the program is more cost-effective than the current Medicaid structure

# Quality Strategy

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- The Quality Strategy describes how Idaho Medicaid will maintain oversight of the MMCP and Idaho Medicaid Plus.
- It is a companion document to the 1915(b) waiver application. It starts on page 237 of the Public Notice Packet.

# 1915(c) Waiver – Home and Community Based Services

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- A 1915(c) waiver gives the state authority to offer home and community-based services to certain populations.
- This is not a new application. This is an amendment to the existing Aged and Disabled Waiver program.



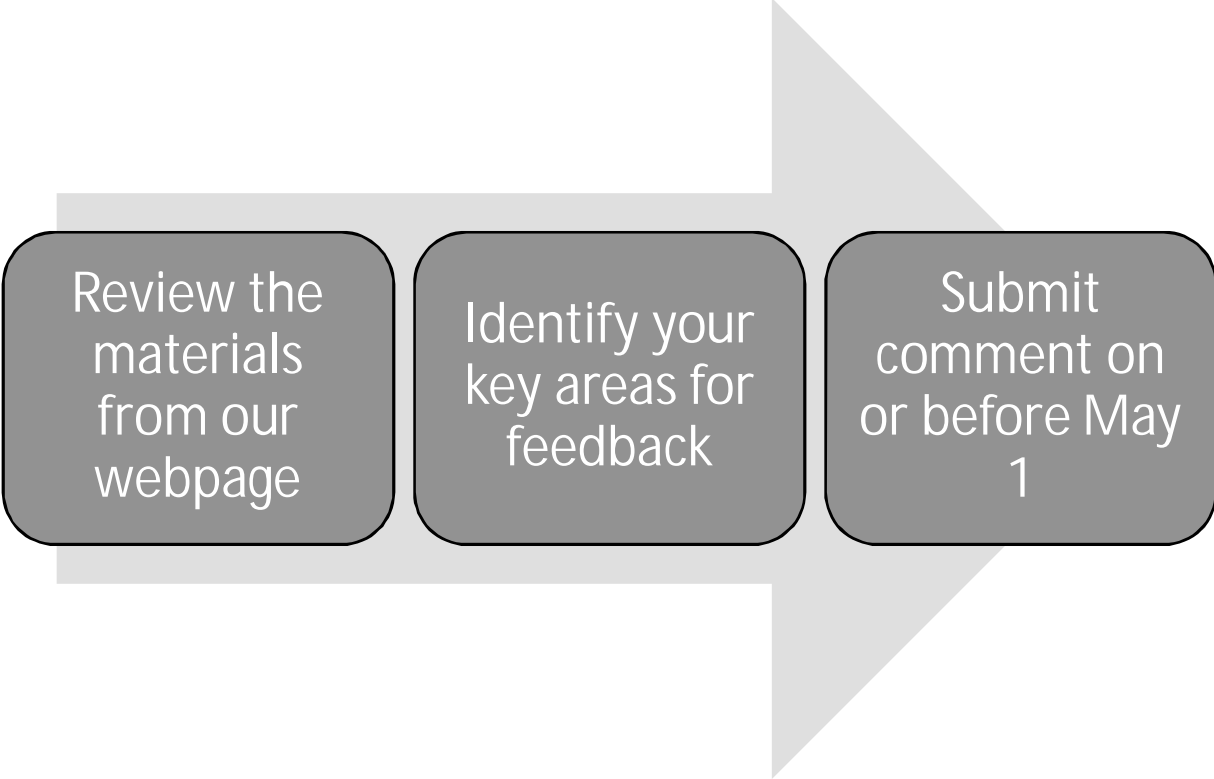
# Aged and Disabled Waiver Changes

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- This waiver must be amended because these services will be included under Idaho Medicaid Plus.
- The only major changes to this waiver include updates in the “Financial Accountability” section (Appendix I).
- The Aged and Disabled 1915(c) waiver amendment starts on page 67 of the Public Notice Packet.

# How to Provide Public Comment

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Review the materials from our webpage

Identify your key areas for feedback

Submit comment on or before May 1

You can submit comments via:

1. E-mail
2. Snail mail
3. Voice mail
4. Fax
5. Drop-off at Medicaid Central Office

# Comment Options

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Email: [IdahoMMCP@dhw.Idaho.gov](mailto:IdahoMMCP@dhw.Idaho.gov)

Mail:

Idaho Medicaid Plus – Division of  
Medicaid

PO Box 83720

Boise, ID 83720-0036

Voicemail: (208) 287-1156

Hand-Delivered to Medicaid Central  
Office:

3232 Elder St

Boise, Idaho 83705

Fax: (208) 332-7283



The next few slides contain some prompting questions to think about as you are reviewing the materials and preparing your feedback.

# Essential Questions - Participants

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- Will it be easier or harder to access services? Why?
- Do you expect challenges in transitioning? What could those be?
- What are some ways that the Department can make the transition easier?
- How can the Idaho Medicaid Plus model be improved for the best participant experience?

# Essential Questions - Providers

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- What challenges or barriers do you see in implementing this program?
- Are there areas in the waivers or Quality Strategy that have a direct or indirect influence on your agency? How might those impact you?
- How can the Department help providers with this transition?

# Essential Questions – Partner Entities

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- How might this affect your organization?
- What can the Department provide to help educate your staff?
- Are there opportunities for collaboration between Idaho Medicaid Plus and the services or supports your organization offers?

# Essential Questions – Guardians and Advocates

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- Do you feel that participant rights are sufficiently safeguarded?
- Will Idaho Medicaid Plus help you support your loved one? Why or why not?



# Next Steps

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Submit your comments before 5:00PM on May 1.



The Department will review all comments received and make changes to the waivers and Quality Strategy as needed.



The Department will submit the final drafts of the waivers and Quality Strategy to CMS and post them on our webpage, in addition to a summary of public comments and the Department's responses, by June 1.

# Stay Up-To-Date!

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- Visit our webpage at <http://MMCP.dhw.Idaho.gov> to find a calendar of outreach events, FAQs, and other informational materials
- Join us at one of our outreach meetings or contact us to schedule a meeting with your organization
- Email us at [IdahoMMCP@dhw.Idaho.gov](mailto:IdahoMMCP@dhw.Idaho.gov) with questions