NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS AND SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

The Department of Health and Welfare is giving public notice of an impending change to the Idaho Medicaid State Plan. The department assures these changes are in compliance with 42 CFR §440.386, 42 CFR § 440.345 and with the provisions of section 5006(e) of the ARRA of 2009.

Medicaid has solicited input from Idaho’s Tribal representatives regarding these changes in compliance with section 5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and its Tribal Consultation Policy. The department also assures that individuals under twenty-one (21) years of age, pursuant to EPSDT, may receive additional services if determined medically necessary and are prior-authorized by the Department.

PROPOSED STATE PLAN CHANGES
The department intends to submit four State Plan Amendments (SPA) on or before February 18, 2019, described as follows:

- Modifications to covered eligibility groups under Idaho Medicaid to add the Adult Group
- Adding the Adult Group, as a covered eligibility groups to Idaho’s Basic Plan Alternative Benefit Package for adults
- Specifying that adults in this group, with special health needs have access to the benefits within Idaho’s Enhanced Plan Alternative Benefit Package
- Adding plan pages describing Idaho’s eligibility procedures for identification of the adult group for purposes of securing the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for the adult group.

The effective date of these changes is January 1, 2020.

No public hearings have been scheduled at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT
The department is accepting written comments regarding these SPAs until March 22, 2019, to allow ample time for comment due to the advanced effective date. Any person who would like to review the changes can call Cindy Brock at (208) 364-1983, or email the request to: cindy.brock@dhw.idaho.gov.

Written comments may also be sent to and reviewed by the public at the following address:

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