

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK RENEWAL  
OF IDAHO'S STATE PLAN OPTION HCBS BENEFIT  
FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
AND  
SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC INPUT**

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 441.304, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Division of Medicaid (Department) provides public notice of its intent submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to renew Idaho's 1915(i) State Plan Option Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Benefit for Adults with Developmental Disabilities (Adult DD State Plan HCBS Benefit).

**PURPOSE**

Idaho's current and approved Adult DD State Plan HCBS Benefit will expire on June 30, 2018. At this time, the Department requests public input regarding the proposed SPA to renew Idaho's Adult DD State Plan HCBS Benefit, which is expected to include the following changes:

- Updates to the projected number of participants based on historical trends;
- Addition of statements regarding the reasonable indication of need for services;
- Addition of relevant information from the approved HCBS settings Statewide Transition Plan (STP);
- Clarifications regarding limitations on amount of developmental therapy services;
- Clarifications regarding the provision of community crisis support services;
- Clarifications regarding the prospective individual budget amount as a limit on the amount of services;
- Revisions to the quality improvement strategy;
- Technical changes to accurately reflect current administration and operation;
- Updates to the CMS form; and
- Other minor revisions to correct language and grammar.

**AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

A copy of the proposed SPA to renew Idaho's Adult DD State Plan HCBS Benefit is available on the Department's website at: <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/tabid/123/Default.aspx>. Unless otherwise specified, copies of the proposed SPA is also available for public review during regular business hours at any of the Department's Regional Medicaid Services (RMS) offices.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department is accepting written and recorded comments regarding the proposed SPA for a period of at least 30 calendar days. Any persons wishing to provide input may submit comments regarding the proposed SPA.

**Comments must be received by the Department on or before Monday, November 27, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. and must be sent using one of the following methods:**

- *Send Email Comments To:* [HCBSWaivers@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:HCBSWaivers@dhw.idaho.gov)
- *Call Toll Free Voicemail and Comment At:* 1-855-249-5024
- *Send Fax Comments To:* 1-208-332-7286
- *Comment at Public Hearing:* At the Times and Locations Scheduled Below
- *Mail Comments To:* Medicaid Central Office, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare,  
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036, Attn: Karen Westbrook
- *Hand Deliver Comments To:* Medicaid Central Office, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare,  
3232 Elder Street, Boise, ID 83705, Attn: Karen Westbrook

The Department will review all comments received prior to submitting the proposed SPA to CMS. A summary document of the comments received in addition to the Department’s response will be posted online once they have been reviewed and compiled.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Department will hold public hearings concerning the proposed SPA as follows:

<b>IN WESTERN IDAHO:</b>	<b>IN EASTERN IDAHO:</b>	<b>IN NORTHERN IDAHO:</b>
<p>Monday, November 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. (Mountain Local Time)</p> <p><b><i>In Person:</i></b>            Medicaid Central Office            3232 Elder Street            Conference Room D West/East            Boise, Idaho 83705</p> <p><b><i>Teleconference Call-In:</i></b>            Toll Free: 1-877-820-7831            Participant Code: 701700</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. (Mountain Local Time)</p> <p><b><i>In Person:</i></b>            Idaho Falls Office            150 Shoup Avenue            Large Conference Room, 2nd Fl.            Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402</p> <p><b><i>Teleconference Call-In:</i></b>            Toll Free: 1-877-820-7831            Participant Code: 701700</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Local Time)</p> <p><b><i>In Person:</i></b>            Lewiston State Office Building            1118 F Street            3rd Floor Conference Room            Lewiston, Idaho 83501</p> <p><b><i>Teleconference Call-In:</i></b>            Toll Free: 1-877-820-7831            Participant Code: 701700</p>
<p>The hearing site will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address above.</p>		

**QUESTIONS**

For assistance on technical questions concerning the changes in the proposed SPA, contact Karen Westbrook, Alternative Care Coordinator for Adult Developmental Disability Services, at [HCBSWaivers@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:HCBSWaivers@dhw.idaho.gov).