

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT WAIVER AMENDMENTS SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 441.304 and 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Division of Medicaid (Department) provides public notice of its intent to submit waiver amendments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for Idaho's Adult Developmental Disabilities §1915(c) Waiver and Idaho's Aged and Disabled §1915(c) Waiver.

PROPOSED WAIVER CHANGES

The Department proposes and requests public input regarding the following changes:

1. CHANGES IN METHODS TO REIMBURSE RESIDENTIAL HABILITATION PROVIDERS.

- a. The Department anticipates the revised rates for supported living – residential habilitation services will be effective on or after April 3, 2017.

The rate was developed as a result of a cost survey conducted in 2016 (2016 Cost Survey). The surveyed results of four cost components were combined to arrive at an hourly unit rate. As identified in Idaho Administrative Code 16.03.10.037.04, the cost components are direct care wages, employee related expenditures, program related costs, and general and administrative costs.

The hourly rate calculation is a combination of the following:

i. Direct Care Wages

The Department used the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS) May 2015 State Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates – Idaho, Occupation Code 39-9021, Personal Care Aide, mean hourly wage. The mean hourly wage is then inflated by 4.72% to March 2017 using the Global Insights Inflation – Employment Cost Indexes (Wages & Salaries) – May 2015.

ii. Employee Related Expenditures

The Department used the cumulative percentage of employer costs for employee compensation from BLS, December 2015 Employer Costs for Employee Compensation, West Region, Mountain Division (Table 7) and IRS Publication 15.

iii. Program Related Costs (Including Costs for Program Operations)

The Department normalized each provider's costs by using a uniform unit-allocation method. The 75th percentile of provider costs, using Excel percentile.inc, is identified for addition to the rate.

iv. General and Administrative Costs

The Department normalized each provider's costs by using a uniform unit-allocation method. The 75th percentile of provider costs, using Excel percentile.inc, is identified for addition to the rate.

Claims for supported living – residential habilitation services delivered by Residential Habilitation Agencies with dates of service on or after April 3, 2017 will be reimbursed at the following rates:

Rates by Code					
H2015 Individual (1 Unit = 15 Minutes)	H2015/HQ Group (1 Unit = 15 Minutes)	H2022 High (1 Unit = 1 Day)	H2016 High School-Based (1 Unit = 1 Day)	H2016 Intense (1 Unit = 1 Day)	H2016 Intense School-Based (1 Unit = 1 Day)
\$4.92	\$1.97	\$236.16	\$186.96	\$472.32	\$373.92

- b. There is an estimated decrease of \$8,400,000 in annual aggregate expenditures.
- c. This change is being made to be consistent with Idaho State Plan, Idaho Administrative Code, and Medicaid Policy.

2. CLARIFICATIONS IN METHODS TO REIMBURSE PROVIDERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACCESSIBILITY ADAPTATIONS AND SPECIALIZED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES IN THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES §1915(c) WAIVER.

To clarify the Department’s processes for manually pricing these services.

3. INCREASE TO THE UNDUPLICATED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SERVED IN THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES §1915(c) WAIVER.

To increase the unduplicated number of participants served during waiver year 5 from 4371 to 4575.

4. CHANGES TO SERVICE AREA OF THE MEDICARE-MEDICAID COORDINATED PLAN IN THE AGED AND DISABLED 1915(c) WAIVER.

DEPARTMENT DECISION REGARDING RECOUPMENT

In its Information Release MA16-01, the Department implemented temporary supported living rates for dates of service beginning February 1, 2016 until new rates could be established as a result of the 2016 Cost Survey. The Department intended to reconcile when a rate difference of at least 5% between the temporary rates and the new rates occurred. All of the new rates (as proposed above), except for Intense and Intense School-Based supported living service rates have at least a 5% difference compared to the temporary rates. Based on the negative impact a claims reprocessing and recoupment may have on participants' access to services, the Department will not pursue recoupment of the difference between the temporary rates and the proposed rates. Detailed information regarding the Department's decision can be found in its Medicaid Information Release MA16-14 at:

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Providers/Providers-Medicaid/InformationReleases/tabid/264/Default.aspx>.

PUBLIC REVIEW

Copies of the proposed amendments to the Developmental Disabilities §1915(c) Waiver and the Aged and Disabled §1915(c) Waiver are available on the Department’s website at:

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/tabid/123/Default.aspx>.

Unless otherwise specified, copies of the amendments are also available for public review during regular business hours at any regional or field office of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and any regional or local public health district office. In Adams, Boise and Camas counties, copies of the amendments will be available at the county clerk's office in each of these counties. See Attachment A for detailed list of county locations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department is accepting written and recorded comments regarding these waiver amendments for a period of 30 calendar days. **Comments must be submitted to one of the below contact persons by end of business Thursday, December 15, 2016.**

Any persons wishing to provide input may submit comments regarding one or more of the waivers. Identify the contact person for the waiver of interest to you from the table below. If you are providing comment(s) on more than one waiver, please indicate that as part of your comment.

Adult Developmental Disabilities §1915(c) Waiver	Aged and Disabled §1915(c) Waiver
Hand Deliver to: Medicaid Central Office Idaho Department of Health and Welfare 3232 W. Elder Street Attn: Karen Westbrook Boise, ID 83705 Mail to: PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0036 FAX: (208) 332-7286 Email: ResHabRates@dhw.idaho.gov Toll Free: 1-855-249-5024	Hand Deliver to: Medicaid Central Office Idaho Department of Health and Welfare 3232 W. Elder Street Attn: Ali Fernández Boise, ID 83705 Mail to: PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0036 FAX: (208) 332-7283 Email: ResHabRates@dhw.idaho.gov Toll Free: 1-855-249-5024

The Department will review all comments received prior to submitting the waiver amendments 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 HEARING

The Department will hold a public hearing concerning these waiver amendments as follows:

In Person	Via Phone
Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 2:00 pm (MST) Medicaid Central Office 3232 Elder Street Conference Room D West/East Boise, Idaho 83705	Teleconference Call-In Toll Free: 1-877-820-7831 Participant Code: 478548
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.	

PROVIDER QUESTION & ANSWER (Q&A) SESSION

The Department will hold a provider Q&A session concerning these waiver amendments as follows:

In Person	Via Phone
Monday, December 5, 2016 at 2:00 pm (MST) Medicaid Central Office 3232 Elder Street Conference Room D West/East Boise, Idaho 83705	Teleconference Call-In Toll Free: 1-877-820-7831 Participant Code: 358998
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.	

QUESTIONS

If you have questions regarding changes in the waiver application, you may contact the designated subject matter expert(s). Identify the appropriate person using the Public Comment table above.

ATTACHMENT A – PUBLIC REVIEW LOCATIONS BY COUNTY

County	DHW Office	Public Health District Office	Other Public Notice Location
Ada	DHW Region 4 1720 Westgate Drive Boise, ID 83704	Central District Health Department 707 North Armstrong Place Boise, ID 83704	N/A
Adams	N/A	N/A	Adams County Clerk's Office 201 Industrial Avenue Council, ID 83612
Bannock	DHW Region 6 1070 Hiline Pocatello, ID 83201	Southeastern Idaho Public Health 1901 Alvin Ricken Drive Pocatello, ID 83201	N/A
Bear Lake	N/A	Southeastern Idaho Public Health 455 Washington, Suite #2 Montpelier, ID 83254	N/A
Benewah	N/A	Panhandle Health District 137 N 8th Street St Maries, ID 83861	N/A
Bingham	DHW Region 6 701 East Alice Blackfoot, ID 83221	Southeastern Idaho Public Health 145 W Idaho Street Blackfoot, ID 83221	N/A
Blaine	N/A	South Central Public Health 117 East Ash Street Bellevue, ID 83313	N/A
Boise	N/A	N/A	Boise County Clerk's Office 420 Main Street Idaho City, ID 83631
Bonner	DHW Region 1 207 Larkspur Street Ponderay, ID 83852	Panhandle Health District 2101 W. Pine Street Sandpoint, ID 83864	N/A
Bonneville	DHW Region 7 150 Shoup Avenue Idaho Falls, ID 83402	Eastern Idaho Public Health 1250 Hollipark Drive Idaho Falls, ID 83401	N/A
Boundary	N/A	Panhandle Health District 7402 Caribou Street Bonners Ferry, ID 83805	N/A
Butte	N/A	Southeastern Idaho Public Health 178 Sunset Drive Arco, ID 83213	N/A
Camas	N/A	N/A	Camas County Clerk's Office 501 Soldier Road Fairfield, ID 83327
Canyon	DHW Region 3 3402 Franklin Rd. Caldwell, ID 83605	Southwest District Health 13307 Miami Lane Caldwell, ID 83607	N/A
Caribou	N/A	Southeastern Idaho Public Health 55 East 1st South Soda Springs, ID 83276	N/A
Cassia	DHW Region 5 2241 Overland Avenue Burley, ID 83318	N/A	N/A

County	DHW Office	Public Health District Office	Other Public Notice Options
Clark	N/A	Eastern Idaho Public Health 332 West Main Dubois, ID 83423	N/A
Clearwater	N/A	North Central Health District 105 115th Street Orofino, ID 83544	N/A
Custer	N/A	Eastern Idaho Public Health 1050 N. Clinic Road, Suite A Challis, ID 83226	N/A
Elmore	DHW Region 4 2420 American Legion Blvd. Mountain Home, ID 83647	Central District Health Department 520 E. 8th Street N Mountain Home, ID 83647	N/A
Franklin	DHW Region 6 223 North State Preston, ID 83263	Southeastern Idaho Public Health 50 West 1 St. South Preston, ID 83263	N/A
Fremont	N/A	Eastern Idaho Public Health 45 South 2nd West St. Anthony, ID 83445	N/A
Gem	N/A	Southwest District Health 1008 East Locust Emmett, ID 83617	N/A
Gooding	N/A	South Central Public Health 255 North Canyon Drive Gooding, ID 83330	N/A
Idaho	DHW Region 2 Camas Resource Center 216 South C Street Grangeville, ID 83530	North Central Health District 903 W Main Grangeville, ID 83530	N/A
Jefferson	N/A	Eastern Idaho Public Health 380 Community Lane Rigby, ID 83442	N/A
Jerome	N/A	South Central Public Health 951 East Avenue H Jerome, ID 83338	N/A
Kootenai	DHW Region 1 1120 Ironwood Drive Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814	Panhandle Health District 8500 N. Atlas Road Hayden, ID 83835	N/A
Latah	DHW Region 2 1350 Troy Highway Moscow, ID 83843	North Central Health District 333 E Palouse River Drive Moscow, ID 83843	N/A
Lemhi	DHW Region 7 111 Lillian Street, Suite 104 Salmon, ID 83467	Eastern Idaho Public Health 801 Monroe Salmon, ID 83467	N/A
Lewis	N/A	North Central Health District 132 N Hill Street Kamiah, ID 83536	N/A
Lincoln	N/A	South Central Public Health Lincoln County Community Center 201 South Beverly Street Shoshone, ID 83352	N/A
Madison	DHW Region 7 333 Walker Drive Rexburg, ID 83440	Eastern Idaho Public Health 314 North 3rd East Rexburg, ID 83440	N/A

County	DHW Office	Public Health District Office	Other Public Notice Options
Minidoka	N/A	South Central Public Health 485 22nd Street Heyburn, ID 83336	N/A
Nez Perce	DHW Region 2 1118 F Street Lewiston, ID 83501	North Central Health District 215 10th Street Lewiston, ID 83501	N/A
Oneida	N/A	Southeastern Idaho Public Health 175 South 300 East Malad, ID 83252	N/A
Owyhee	N/A	Southwest District Health 132 E. Idaho Homedale, ID 83628	N/A
Payette	DHW Region 3 515 N. 16th Street Payette, ID 83661	Southwest District Health 1155 Third Avenue North Payette, ID 83661	N/A
Power	N/A	Southeastern Idaho Public Health 590 1/2 Gifford American Falls, ID 83211	N/A
Shoshone	DHW Region 1 35 Wildcat Way, Suite B Kellogg, ID 83837	Panhandle Health District 114 Riverside Avenue W Kellogg, ID 83837	N/A
Teton	N/A	Eastern Idaho Public Health 820 Valley Centre Drive Driggs, ID 83422	N/A
Twin Falls	DHW Region 5 601 Pole Line Road Twin Falls, ID 83301	South Central Public Health 1020 Washington Street North Twin Falls, ID 83301	N/A
Valley	N/A	Central District Health Department 703 1st Street McCall, ID 83638	N/A
Washington	N/A	Southwest District Health 46 West Court Weiser, ID 83672	N/A