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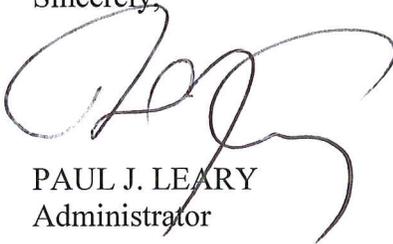
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Center for Medicaid and State Operations
Division of State Children's Health Insurance
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7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

Dear Ms. Cash:

Idaho's 1115 waiver entitled *Non-Pregnant, Childless Adult Demonstration, waiver 3 11-W-00245/10*, is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2014. In accordance with our Standard Terms and Conditions for this waiver, Idaho officially notified CMS of our intent to phase out the waiver on February 24, 2014. Enclosed is our formal submittal of the phase out plan.

Idaho appreciates CMS's technical assistance with this process. Should you have any questions regarding the plan, please contact Ms. Cindy Brock at (208) 364-1983, or by e-mail at brockc@dhw.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,



PAUL J. LEARY
Administrator

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Enclosure

c: Carol Peverly, Region X
Janice Adams, Region X
Dr. Kelly Heilman, CO
Tom Couch, Region X



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Title XIX
“Idaho Medicaid Non-Pregnant
Childless Adult Waiver
Waiver # 11-W-00245/10
Phase-Out Plan
March 2014

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**SECTION I
PROGRAM BACKGROUND**

SUMMARY OF IDAHO'S EXISTING PREMIUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Idaho Children's Access Card demonstration was approved by CMS in 2004, to allow the state to provide an alternative premium assistance program to children eligible for the state's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This demonstration was amended in July of 2005 to add a coverage program for adults, that provided up to \$100 per month per enrolled adult beneficiary (for a qualifying employee or the spouse of the employee) toward the individual's share of the employer-sponsored health insurance premium. In July 2006, the program was amended to require a 50 percent employer contribution toward the cost of the health benefit plan. The adult portion of the program is all that remains in place today and is the subject of this phase out.

The Idaho premium assistance program, entitled Access to Health Insurance, was funded in part by the Federal Government through title XXI funding. The passage of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), required the state to remove the childless adults from title XXI funding no later than December 31, 2009. In response, the state submitted a proposal to CMS to move the eligible non-pregnant childless adults into a new section 1115 demonstration under authority and funding of title XIX. CMS approved **Idaho's Premium Assistance to Childless Adults** Demonstration under section 1115(a) of the Act for the period of January 1, 2010, through September 30, 2014. This left Idaho with two waivers, one under title XXI for children and parents, and one under title XIX for non-pregnant childless adults.

CHIPRA also changed states' authority to cover parents under a title XXI program. Specifically, CHIPRA added section 2111(b)(2) of the Act, which permits a state with existing authority (prior to the passage of CHIPRA) to continue title XXI parents coverage, through September 30, 2013.

The State submitted an amendment request to CMS in March 2013 for both the title XIX demonstration and the title XXI demonstration. The amendments provided an extension for the XXI waiver to continue to cover children through December 31, 2013, and moved the parents to the XIX waiver for coverage beginning October 1, 2013. The State submitted its phase out plan for the XXI waiver to CMS and as a component of the phase out, the State agreed to transition all adults over 100% federal poverty level (FPL) to coverage under the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange, effective January 1, 2014.

The State has made the decision to phase out the title XIX 1115 demonstration waiver when it expires on September 31, 2014. In accordance with our Standard Terms and Conditions, the State submits this phase out plan to CMS.

TIMELINE

POLICY ACTION	DATE SUBMITTED
<p>Initial Waiver Application – Title XXI Phase I: Children’s Access Card –Premium assistance for children up to 150%FPG eligible under Medicaid Expansion and children eligible for SCHIP up to 185%FPG. Approved: November 4, 2004 Implemented: November 4, 2004</p>	<p>February 27, 2004</p>
<p>First Waiver Amendment – Title XXI -Phase II: Access to Health Insurance Coverage for pregnant women up to 185%FPG, uninsured parents between 1931 limit and 185%FPG and childless adult populations up to 185%FPG. Approved: June 21, 2005 Implemented: June 21, 2005</p>	<p>December 8, 2004</p>
<p>Second Waiver Amendment – Title XXI Retained the 50% employee contribution towards the premium for employees, but removed the requirement for the employer to contribute 50% towards the spouses premium. Approved: November 6, 2006 Implemented: December 1, 2006</p>	<p>July 11, 2006</p>
<p>Renewal Request for XXI Waiver & Amendment for XIX 1115 Demonstration Under this renewal, premium assistance continues to be provided to CHIP children and uninsured parents of children eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, with family incomes up to and including 185% of the FPL. Also removed the authority for pregnant women and moved childless adults to be covered under title XIX authority creating the title XIX 1115 Demonstration. Approved: September 30, 2010 Implemented: October 1, 2010</p>	<p>August 4, 2009</p>
<p>First Waiver Amendment for XIX Demonstration Amendment to move adults from the title XXI waiver to the title XIX 1115 demonstration for the period of October 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013. Approved: July 15, 2013 Implemented: October 1, 2013</p>	<p>March 29, 2013</p>
<p>Title XXI Phase Out Plan & Second Waiver Amendment for XIX Transition of all adults over 100%FPG to premium assistance under the health insurance exchange in coordination with the Title XXI Phase Out Plan. Approved: November 8, 2013 Implemented: November 8, 2013</p>	<p>August 12, 2013</p>

POPULATION

Idaho's title XIX demonstration currently provides premium assistance towards health care coverage for only one population. Other populations previously supported by Idaho's premium assistance program have been transitioned to other coverage options which became available through the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. The remaining population of 71 participants is defined as:

Individuals age 18 and above with countable gross family income above the section 1931 low-income families group up to 100 percent of the FPL using MAGI. They are the parents of Medicaid or CHIP eligible child/children. They do not currently have the option for direct coverage under Idaho Medicaid or Medicare, but they or their spouse have access to health insurance through employer sponsored insurance.

**SECTION II
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
PROCESS**

TRIBAL CONSULTATION

The state used its standard negotiation (with the Tribes of Idaho) process for Tribal consultation for this Phase-Out Plan. Tribal representatives were sent hardcopy notification of the proposed changes, as well as an email blast of the proposed changes on February 28, 2014. The information was subsequently posted to the Idaho Medicaid Tribes website. This proposal will also be included as part of the policy update that is included as an agenda item at every quarterly Tribal Meeting beginning May 2014. No comments were received from the tribes.

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

A formal legal notice was published in all required major cities between March 1, 2014, and March 3, 2014. No formal public comment was received in response to the public notices.

**SECTION III
COMMUNICATIONS**

PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS

All participating households with members enrolled in premium assistance coverage, will receive three notices, between August 1, 2014, and September 20, 2014. The notices will provide information regarding the close out of the waiver.

Notice #1 – August 1, 2014

This notice will do the following:

- Inform the participants of the ending of their coverage as of September 30, 2014.
- Inform about options for continuing their existing health coverage.
- Provide a statewide list of community health centers as a resource for care.
- Provide 2-1-1 Idaho Care Line information.

Notice #2 – September 1, 2014

This notice will do the following:

- Remind participants that their premium assistance coverage ends as of September 30, 2014.
- Inform about options for continuing their existing health coverage.
- Provide a statewide list of community health centers as a resource for care.
- Provide 2-1-1 Idaho Care Line information.

Notice #3 – September 20, 2014

This notice of decision will do the following:

- Inform participants their coverage under premium assistance coverage ends effective September 30, 2014.
- Inform them of their fair hearing rights

INSURANCE CARRIERS AND AGENTS

All participating carriers with members currently enrolled in premium assistance coverage, will receive two notices between August 1, 2014, and September 1, 2014. The notices will provide information regarding changes coming to participant coverage.

Notice #1 – August 1, 2014

This notice will do the following:

- Notify carriers of the termination of premium assistance for participants effective September 30, 2014.
- Inform carriers/agents additional information is being provided directly to participants and employers, regarding the participant's options for coverage after premium assistance ends.
- Provide carriers with a copy of notices and resources distributed to participants and employers.

Notice #2 – September 1, 2014

This notice will do the following:

- Notify carriers of the termination of premium assistance for participants effective September 30, 2014.
- Inform carriers/agents additional information is being provided directly to participants and employers, regarding the participant's options for coverage after premium assistance ends.
- Provide carriers with a copy of notices and resources distributed to participants and employers.
- Request timely billing for final payment and reconciliation.

SMALL EMPLOYERS

All participating employers with members currently enrolled in premium assistance coverage will receive two notices between August 1, 2014, and September 1 2014. The notices will provide information regarding changes coming to participant coverage.

Notice #1 – August 1, 2014

This notice will do the following:

- Notify employers of the termination of premium assistance for participants effective September 30, 2014.
- Inform employers information on resources for healthcare is being provided to participants.
- Provide employers with a copy of notices and resources distributed to participants.

Notice #2 – September 1, 2014

This notice will do the following:

- Notify employers of the termination of premium assistance for participants effective September 30, 2014.
- Inform employers information on resources for healthcare is being provided to participants.
- Provide employers with a copy of notices and resources distributed to participants.

ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION STAFF

Eligibility for all Idaho Medicaid programs is conducted by the Division of Welfare, within the Department of Health and Welfare. It will be necessary to communicate programmatic and eligibility changes to eligibility staff. The Division of Welfare conducts ongoing training for new eligibility requirements and they will incorporate changes regarding the phase out of the premium assistance program into those sessions.

WEBSITE UPDATES

The Division of Medicaid's primary webpage and the premium assistance webpages will be routinely updated with information regarding phase out activities and resources for participants losing assistance. The phase out plan, public, and Tribal notices are published on the Idaho Medicaid Premium Assistance webpage under a module dedicated to the phase out communications called "Phase-Out of Non-Pregnant Childless Adult Waiver". As notices are distributed to stakeholders, they will be posted to this dedicated area.

The premium assistance website will also be routinely updated with important information. The state will develop a notification for the page to alert the public that enrollment has been frozen and the program will no longer be open for enrollment, as the waiver is ending on September 30, 2014.

**SECTION IV
IMPACTS TO ELIGIBILITY
AND AUTOMATED SYSTEMS**

ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM

Enrollment in premium assistance eligibility codes will be frozen and participants who apply on, or after April 1, 2014, will not be allowed to enroll and will be referred by eligibility staff to the 2-1-1 Care Line as a resource.

CLAIMS SYSTEM

The Medicaid claims system will continue to accept premium assistance eligibility codes and will conduct business as usual for these participants.

CHIP DATABASE

The CHIP database is an antiquated system that was implemented to support the CHIP program and the premium assistance program in 2004. It currently houses participant, employer and carrier information for the premium assistance program. Participant information is also keyed into the primary eligibility system. Data from this system will be utilized during the phase out for notification of stakeholders. The CHIP database will be frozen and phased out at the end of the waiver, as it will no longer be needed.

**SECTION V
CONCLUSION**

CONCLUSION

Premium assistance coverage under Idaho's title XIX 1115 demonstration will terminate effective midnight September 30, 2014. Communication will be the key to the successful support for this population. The Idaho Legislature has not provided approval or direction for Medicaid Expansion for this population. Therefore support of these participants for health care services falls to Idaho's safety net of charity care, federally quality health centers and the catastrophic health care fund, which is available to uninsured Idahoans at or below poverty level for health care services as a result of illness or injury.

Idaho Medicaid's goal for this phase out plan is to effectively communicate all aspects of these changes to all stakeholders and to ensure participants receive information on available health care resources.

**SECTION VI
APPENDIX**



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & WELFARE

August 1, 2014

Dear Premium Assistance Participant,

Idaho Medicaid's Premium Assistance Program is ending on September 30, 2014. When the program ends, Idaho Medicaid will no longer help pay for your health insurance. It is important that you talk to your employer or your employer's human resources office as soon as possible and make a decision about your coverage:

- **You can choose to pay the entire premium yourself on or before October 1, 2014.**
 - You must let your employer know you want to do this. Your employer will then deduct the extra premiums from your paycheck.
- **You can discontinue your health insurance.**
 - If you choose to do this, we have enclosed a list of health care facilities in Idaho that provide medical services based on a sliding fee scale.
 - You can dial 2-1-1 for the Idaho Care Line to find health care resources in your area.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Cindy Brock in the Division of Medicaid at (208) 364-1983, or email her at brockc@dhw.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

PAUL J. LEARY
Administrator

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September 1, 2014

Dear Premium Assistance Participant,

Idaho Medicaid's Premium Assistance Program is ending on September 30, 2014. We will no longer help you pay your health insurance premiums. If you have not already talked to your employer or your employer's human resources office, please do so immediately and let them know if you will:

- **Pay the entire premium yourself on or before October 1, 2014.**
 - You must let your employer know you want to do this. Your employer will then deduct the extra premiums from your paycheck.
- **Discontinue your health insurance.**
 - If you choose to do this, we have enclosed a list of health care facilities in Idaho that provide medical services based on a sliding fee scale.
 - OR dial 2-1-1 for the Idaho Care Line to find health care resources in your area.

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Council
(208) 253-4242

[Benewah Medical & Wellness Center](#)
Plummer
(208) 686-1931

[Community Health Association of Spokane \(CHAS\)](#)
Lewiston and Moscow
(208) 848-8300

[Community Family Clinic](#)
Idaho Falls, Blackfoot and Roberts
(208) 528-7655

[Heritage Health](#)
Coeur d'Alene and Rathdrum
(208) 292-0292

[Family Health Services, Inc.](#)
Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Buhl, Rupert, Kimberly and Fairfield
(208) 734-5036

[Family Medicine Residency of Idaho](#)
Boise, Garden City, and Middleton
(208) 514-2500

[Glenns Ferry Health Center](#)
Glenns Ferry, Mountain Home and Grandview
(208) 366-7416

[Health West, Inc.](#)

Pocatello, Aberdeen, American Falls, Downey, McCammon, and Lava Hot Springs
(208) 232-7862

Kaniksu Health Services
Bonners Ferry, Sandpoint and Priest River
(208) 263-3410

Terry Reilly Health Services
Boise, Caldwell, Middleton, Homedale, Marsing, Melba and Nampa
(208) 467-4431

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(208) 624-4100

Valley Family Health Care
Payette, Emmett and New Plymouth
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Date : 03/27/2014
Worker Name : General IFPC
Case Name :
Case Number :

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PO BOX 83720
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Message from the Department of Health and Welfare

This letter is to inform you that Idaho Medicaid's Premium Assistance Program is ending on of September 30, 2014.

The Access Card premium assistance program is no longer a program offered by the Department of Health and Welfare. You can apply for health coverage through the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange website located at www.yourhealthidaho.org.

These rules apply. You may review them at your local welfare office: 16.03.01 & 16.03.16.

YOUR HEARING RIGHTS

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you need any assistance, please ask. The following services are free:

Help filling out this form.

Accommodation for a disability.

Language Interpreter. Call 1-800-926-2588 or TDD 208-332-7205.

You have the right to ask for a hearing if you disagree with the Department's action. You only have 90 days to ask for a hearing for Food Stamps and 30 days for TAFI, Medicaid and AABD Cash. These timeframes start the day after the Department gave or mailed you the notice of decision.

If you do choose to request a hearing, you may represent yourself or use legal counsel, a relative, a friend, or other spokesman.

If you believe you have been discriminated against on the basis of age, color, disability, national origin, gender, religion, race or political belief, you can file complaint at your local Health and Welfare office or at either of the offices listed below:

USDA, Direction, Office of Civil Rights 1400 Independence Ave., SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 (800) 795-3272 (Voice) (202) 720-6382 (TTY)

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Director, Office of Civil Rights Room 506 F, 200 Independence Ave., SW Washington, D.C. 20201 (800) 795-3272 (Voice) (202)720-6382 (TTY)

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If you want to keep getting your current benefits, you must request a hearing in 10 days.

If the hearing officer finds the Department action is correct, you may have to repay any extra benefits you get.

To keep your benefits, check below:
Yes, continue:

- Food Assistance
- Cash Assistance
- Health Coverage Assistance
- Child Care Assistance

TO ASK FOR A HEARING:

- **Fill out this page :**
Make a copy of the front and back of this page for your records. If you ask, your case worker will get you a copy of this page.
- **Send or take this page to:**
Your local Health and Welfare office. You can find local office listings by going online to <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov>.
- OR
- **Call toll free: 2-1-1 or 1-800-926-2588** or for hearing impaired who use TDD 208-332-7205.

To Get Help: You can ask about your hearing rights or a legal aid referral at the toll-free state phone numbers listed above.

If you do not want to go to the hearing alone, you can bring a friend or someone with you.

HEARING REQUEST

I want a hearing due to an action by the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare about my:

- Food Assistance
- Cash Assistance
- Health Coverage Assistance
- Child Care Assistance
- Other (list) _____

Here's why: _____

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We are providing information directly to participants and insurance agents to notify them of the program's end and are encouraging participants to work with their employers if they would like to continue their policy and pay the balance of their premiums each month. Attached is a copy of the August notice sent to your employees.

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Attached are copies of notices we are sending to employers and participants. A second notice will follow on September 1, 2014. If you have questions or need more information, please call Cindy Brock in Division of Medicaid at (208) 364-1983, or email her at brockc@dhw.idaho.gov.

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Please send your invoice for September premiums to Idaho Medicaid as soon as possible for payment and reconciliation. If you have questions, or need more information, please call Cindy Brock in Division of Medicaid at (208) 364-1983, or email her at brockc@dhw.idaho.gov.

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