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TO: State of Idaho SUD Treatment and Recovery Support Service Providers

FROM: Business Psychology Associates

RE: IDAPA Rules for the treatment of Medicaid Clients

Dear Providers,

As of July 1, 2008 Medicaid eligible clients qualified as a priority population for SUD services. The SUD funding system allowed for the clients to be vouchered into care under the current provider network and receive the SUD services available.

The SUD Funding system is now requiring that BPA administer the Medicaid plan benefits as outlined in IDAPA. The State of Idaho IDAPA rules are specific in identifying the Medicaid Plan benefits and requirements to treat a Medicaid eligible client for the treatment of substance use disorders. BPA and DHW are working together to ensure the provider network meets the requirements to serve a Medicaid eligible client and the appropriate plan benefits are utilized.

Providers may expect to see changes in the system to support the IDAPA rules and Medicaid Plan benefit for the treatment of Medicaid clients. Listed below are the significant items of importance under the IDAPA rules that a BPA SUD network provider must meet in order to treat a Medicaid funded client.

IDAPA 16.05.06 Criminal History and Background Checks (*see attached*)

- Staff providing direct care services must pass Criminal History and Background Checks per the IDAPA rules.

IDAPA 16.03.09 Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits Substance Abuse Treatment Services (*see attached*)

- Services must be provided by a Qualified Professional
- Services are limited to the Medicaid Plan Benefits

Due to the specificity of these requirements BPA is in the process of developing a Medicaid Specialty Provider Network and will be issuing an invitation for providers to participate in this specialty network. BPA strongly encourages providers who can meet these requirements to apply for specialty network status.

Agencies should be able to verify that they will ensure only Qualified Professionals who have passed the Criminal History Background Checks deliver Medicaid approved services.

Future communications will be forthcoming regarding the application process. If you have any questions regarding this communication please contact your Regional Coordinator:

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