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Dear Tribal Representative:

This letter is to let you know that Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA), to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This SPA is to amend the method by which the private hospital Medicaid upper payment limit is calculated for both inpatient and outpatient hospital services.

The proposed changes will be revised consistent with applicable federal regulations. The payments made to private hospitals for inpatient and outpatient hospital services will be based on the aggregate difference in the actual amount paid by the Medicaid program and the amount that would have been paid under Medicare payment principles.

The estimated available Medicaid upper payment limit spending for inpatient and outpatient hospital services is $25,000,000. No public hearings have been scheduled at this time.

The effective date for the change is July 1, 2013.

We encourage you to provide feedback regarding these changes to Robert Kellerman, Office of Reimbursement, Bureau of Financial Operations, and Division of Medicaid at (208) 364-1994, or by e-mail at kellermr@dhw.idaho.gov, no later than June 30, 2013.

The Department of Health and Welfare is giving public notice of an impending change in the Idaho State Medicaid Plan.

Sincerely,

PAUL J. LEARY
Administrator

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