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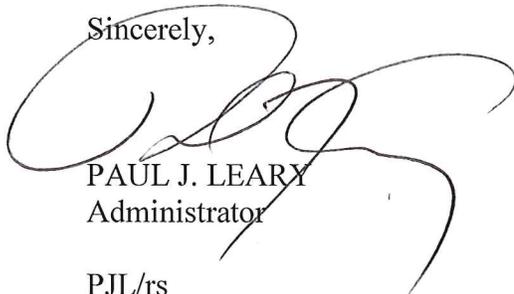
Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a 1915(b) waiver application, a 1915(c) Aged and Disabled waiver amendment, and a 1915(c) Developmental Disabilities waiver amendment in order to participate in the Demonstration to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible Individuals. The waiver application and amendments are needed to allow full dual eligible individuals to enroll in a managed care health plan which will cover and coordinate their Medicare and Medicaid benefits, beginning no sooner than March 1, 2014. Idaho Medicaid intends to submit the waiver application and amendments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by December 1, 2013.

After CMS approves the waiver application and amendment, a State Plan Amendment (SPA) will be submitted to remove the current Medicare-Medicaid Coordinated Benchmark Benefit Package (MMCP) from Attachment 3.1-C of the Medicaid state plan. This program will be phased out by geographic service area in the year 2014 during a period of approximately five (5) months as the new program is phased in. SPAs will also be submitted to revise the Idaho Medicaid Standard State Plan and Enhanced Benchmark Benefit Package. Additionally, Idaho Code §56-254, and Idaho Administrative Procedure Act (IDAPA) §16.03.09, and 16.03.10, will be revised and a new chapter of rules will replace IDAPA §16.03.17, to allow for the implementation of the new program.

Idaho Medicaid's development of the proposed program for dual eligible individuals will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the quarterly Tribal meeting scheduled for November 6, 2013. Idaho Medicaid would like to receive your feedback about this change. Please contact Mark Wasserman, Alternative Care Coordinator, Division of Medicaid, with comments, questions, or suggestions at wassermanm@dhw.idaho.gov, or 208-287-1156, prior to September 16, 2013.

Sincerely,



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