

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT STATE PLAN AMENDMENT AND SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 440.386, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Division of Medicaid (Department) provides public notice of its intent to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to amend the enrollment policy for Dual Eligible Participants enrolled in the Medicare Medicaid Coordinated Plan (MMCP).

Medicaid has solicited input from Idaho's Tribal representatives regarding these changes in compliance with section 5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and its Tribal Consultation Policy.

PURPOSE

Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on or before January 10, 2020 to allow for passive enrollment into the Medicaid Managed Care Program (MMCP) for full dual-eligible individuals in counties with only one participating health plan. Currently, there are nine counties with one participating health plan: Adams, Benewah, Clark, Gooding, Jerome, Latah, Shoshone, Valley, and Washington counties.

In these nine counties, the state will enroll all dual-eligible individuals into the MMCP under the participating health plan, Blue Cross of Idaho. The state will send letters to these individuals to notify them of their enrollment and the option to opt out of the MMCP. Participants who opt out of the MMCP will remain covered by the Medicaid Fee-for-Service benefit package. These individuals will have ninety (90) days to respond to the State to opt out of the MMCP.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

The Department intends to submit this State Plan Amendment to CMS on or before January 10, 2020, with a requested effective date of April 1, 2020.

PUBLIC REVIEW

Copies of this proposed amendment will be made available for public review and comment for at least 30 days or until **January 9, 2020**.

The public may request a copy of the proposed State Plan Amendment during regular business hours at any regional Medicaid services office of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

No public hearings have been scheduled for this amendment to the State Plan at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department is accepting comments regarding the proposed amendment for a period of 30 calendar days. Comments must be submitted by one of the methods below by close of business **January 9, 2020**.

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