

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT STATE PLAN AND WAIVER AMENDMENTS

SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 440.386, the Department of Health and Welfare is giving public notice of impending changes to the Idaho Medicaid State Plan and several waiver programs as described below.

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. The Department also assures that individuals under twenty-one (21) years of age, pursuant to Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment services, may receive additional services if determined medically necessary and prior authorized by the Department.

The Department intends to submit the following policy actions to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on or before October 1, 2019:

PROPOSED WAIVER AMENDMENTS

- Amendment to the Idaho Medicaid Plus §1915(b) waiver
- Amendments to the Aged and Disabled (A&D) §1915(c) waiver

PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS (SPA)

- Basic Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP)
- Enhanced Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP)
- Eligibility for Pregnant Women
- Medicare Medicaid Coordinated Plan (MMCP) ABP

Several Idaho Medicaid policy documents are being amended to reflect program changes that have an **effective date of January 1, 2020**. Below is an outline of each policy document and the change(s) proposed in each:

- **Amendment to the Idaho Medicaid Plus §1915(b) waiver:**
 - The Idaho Medicaid Plus waiver will be amended to reflect a **geographic service area change** for the program. This program is a mandatory managed care program for full-benefit dual eligible beneficiaries that are not in an excluded population (tribal members and pregnant women) or an excluded program (the Adults with Developmental Disabilities Waiver) who have not already enrolled in the MMCP. The program currently operates in Ada, Bannock, Bingham, Bonner, Bonneville, Canyon, Kootenai, Nez Perce, and Twin Falls Counties.
 - **Effective January 1, 2020**, the program will expand to the following counties: Boise, Boundary, Cassia, Elmore, Fremont, Gem, Jefferson, Madison, Minidoka, Owyhee, Payette, and Power.
- **Amendments to the A&D (A&D) §1915(c) waiver:**
 - The A&D Waiver will be amended to reflect a **geographic service area change** for the Idaho Medicaid Plus and the MMCP. Both managed care programs include the administration of A&D waiver benefits for enrolled participants. **Effective January 1, 2020**, Idaho Medicaid Plus will be available in the following Idaho counties: Ada, Bannock, Bingham, Boise, Bonner, Bonneville, Boundary, Canyon, Cassia, Elmore,

Fremont, Gem, Jefferson, Kootenai, Madison, Minidoka, Nez Perce, Owyhee, Payette, Power, and Twin Falls. The MMCP will be available in these counties, *and* Adams, Benewah, Clark, Gooding, Jerome, Latah, Shoshone, Washington and Valley Counties.

- The A&D Waiver will also be amended to reflect a **change in the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA)** for participants who are married and do not incur a rent or mortgage expense from 150% of the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) amount to 100%. This change is a result of direction from CMS to ensure that PNA requirements are aligned regardless of marital status. Approximately thirty (30) participants currently on the waiver are expected to experience an increase in their Share of Cost as a result of this change. Idaho Administrative Rule (IDAPA) changes are being pursued to align with this change.
- **State Plan Amendments (SPAs):**
 - Basic Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP)
 - The Basic ABP will be amended to include a Partial Hospitalization benefit and ensure pregnant or post-partum participants receive all medically necessary services to meet their medical needs. The addition of a Partial Hospitalization benefit will expand the Department's behavioral health continuum of care and make additional outpatient treatment options available for participants with mental health and/or substance use disorders who are at risk of placement in residential psychiatric facilities.
 - Enhanced ABP
 - The Enhanced ABP will be amended to include a Partial Hospitalization benefit and ensure pregnant or post-partum participants receive all medically necessary services to meet their medical needs.
 - Eligibility for Pregnant Women
 - The eligibility pages of the State Plan will be amended to ensure pregnant or post-partum participants receive all medically necessary services to meet their medical needs.
 - Medicare Medicaid Coordinated Plan (MMCP) ABP
 - The MMCP ABP will be amended to reflect a **geographic service area change** for the program. The MMCP is a voluntary managed care plan available to Idaho residents over age 21 that are full-benefit dual eligible beneficiaries. The participating Health Plans that administer the MMCP, Blue Cross of Idaho Health Service Inc., and Molina Healthcare of Idaho have applied to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to administer the MMCP in a larger service area **effective January 1, 2020**. The service area will include the following counties: Ada, Adams, Bannock, Benewah, Bingham, Boise, Bonner, Bonneville, Boundary, Canyon, Cassia, Clark, Elmore, Fremont, Gem, Gooding, Jefferson, Jerome, Kootenai, Latah, Madison, Minidoka, Nez Perce, Owyhee, Payette, Power, Shoshone, Twin Falls, Washington, and Valley.
 - The MMCP ABP must also be amended to include a new Partial Hospitalization benefit.

PUBLIC REVIEW

Copies of the below policy documents will be made available for public review and comment for at least 30 days or until **September 30, 2019**.

- Amendment to the Idaho Medicaid Plus §1915(b) waiver
- Amendments to the A&D §1915(c) waiver

Electronic versions of the proposed waiver amendments will be made available on the Department's website at <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/tabid/123/Default.aspx> no later than August 30, 2019.

Printed copies of the proposed waiver amendments will be available for public review during regular business hours at any regional Medicaid services office of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in addition to the locations listed below.

No public hearings have been scheduled for these amendments to the state plan and waiver documents at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department is accepting comments regarding the proposed amendments for a period of 30 calendar days. Comments must be submitted by one of the methods below by close of business **September 30, 2019**.

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