

Idaho Medicaid Plus – Passive Enrollment Public Comment Summary and Department Responses

Public Comment Period: December 10, 2020 through February 26, 2020

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) solicited input on proposed implementation of a Passive Enrollment process for dual-eligible participants residing in specific counties where there is only one operating health plan offering Medicare Medicaid Coordinated Plans (MMCP).

Public comment for Passive Enrollment was solicited with respect to the following products:

- Draft amendment to Idaho’s Aged and Disabled 1915(c) waiver: **ID.1076.R06.06**.
- Draft amendment to Idaho’s MMCP State Plan ABP: **ID SPA 20-0006** (formerly **ID SPA 19-0027**).

IDHW received two (2) comments related to this proposed implementation. One comment was in support of the process in the proposed counties. Another comment related to services in the counties Passive Enrollment is being implemented, but not specifically about the Passive Enrollment process amendment.

Comment Type W-Written V-Verbal	Comments	Responses	Waiver Amendment Language Change
W	One individual commented in support of Passive Enrollment for the rural counties included in this amendment.	IDHW thanked this individual for their comment.	No change required.
W	One individual commented with the following concerns: 1. How do providers and the health plans intend to adequately serve the participants in Clark	IDHW thanked this individual for their comments, and provided the following responses to these concerns: 1. Enrollment in a dual plan ensures that these participants will have a Care Specialist available to help them arrange services. IDHW believes the benefits of enrollment in a dual plan will help	No changes required.

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	<p>County (which is a frontier county)?</p> <p>2. How financially sustainable is the Power County hospital and are there any considerations in this waiver for reimbursement increases to help this hospital.</p>	<p>improve the access and coordination of care for these participants by providing a dedicated point of contact to help schedule services and arrange for care that they would not otherwise have access to. IDHW believes that the implementation of managed care in this county will improve the quality of care received by these participants.</p> <p>2. Hospital services are an Idaho Medicaid State Plan service offered to all eligible participants under Basic Medicaid. This waiver amendment does not provide an avenue for proposing, implementing, or changing reimbursement rates for any provider types. The Division of Medicaid’s Reimbursement Team manages the rate methodology and all reimbursement activities for all providers. Rate methodology and reimbursement rules for hospitals are found in IDAPA 16.03.09 (Section 405 for Inpatient Hospital Services and Section 415 for Outpatient Hospital Services). Please contact the Medicaid Reimbursement Team at (208) 287-1180 or MedicaidReimTeam@dhw.idaho.gov to provide input and ideas or to ask questions about reimbursement-related topics.</p>	