



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELFARE

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER – Governor
RUSSELL S. BARRON – Director

MATT WIMMER - Administrator
DIVISION OF MEDICAID
Post Office Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0009
PHONE: (208) 334-5747
FAX: (208) 364-1811

October 27, 2017

Dear Tribal Representative:

In accordance with section 1902(a)(73)(A) of the Social Security Act regarding the solicitation of advice prior to the submission of any Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) or waiver likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Division of Medicaid (Idaho Medicaid) provides notice on the following matter.

Purpose

Idaho Medicaid intends to submit waiver amendments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on or before January 31, 2018 to revise the residential habilitation service rate methodology in the Aged and Disabled (A&D) and Adult Developmental Disabilities ((DD) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers in order to set new residential habilitation service rates. Idaho Medicaid conducted a cost survey (and had the results of the survey reviewed by an independent consulting company) to obtain the necessary information to develop new residential habilitation service rates. Implementation of the residential habilitation service rates is contingent upon certain legislative approvals.

Anticipated Impact on Indians/Indian Health Program/Urban Indian Organizations

Indians receiving waiver services may be impacted by these changes. There is no anticipated impact on Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations.

Availability for Review

Idaho Medicaid is in the process of drafting the proposed waiver amendments, and will notify Tribal Representatives when the drafts become available for review.

Comments and Questions

Idaho Medicaid will make the drafts of the proposed waiver amendments available for tribal review and comment. This tribal comment period is expected to begin in late November 2017, and will continue for a period of at least 30 days. Idaho Medicaid will notify Tribal Representatives of the specific dates prior to the start of the formal comment period.

If you have any questions prior to the start of this comment period, you may email Idaho Medicaid at HCBSWaivers@dhw.idaho.gov or call Karen Westbrook at (208) 364-1960.

Idaho Medicaid's proposed waiver amendments will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting.

Sincerely,

MATT WIMMER
Administrator
MW/kw