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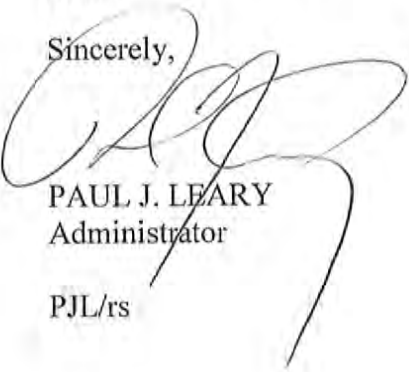
Dear Tribal Representative:

Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which will update primary care physician codes and pay rates. Primary care physician codes related to a specific group of providers will be paid through an alternate fee schedule at 100% of the Medicare rate. The specific group of eligible providers includes all specialists and subspecialists recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties within the three specialty designations-family medicine, general medicine, and pediatric medicine. These specialty types will be eligible for increased payment for primary care services. For physicians who are not certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties, a method is defined for determining eligibility, which aligns with the methods used for the Medicare Incentive Payments for Primary Care.

The proposed changes are implementing section 1202 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, which requires States to increase Medicaid reimbursement for certain primary care services in 2013 and 2014 (77 Fed. Reg. 27,671.1).

The effective date for the change is January 1, 2013. Please provide the feedback regarding these changes to Robert Kellerman, Office of Reimbursement, Bureau of Financial Operations, Division of Medicaid at (208) 364-1994, or by e-mail at kellermr@dhw.id.gov, by December 6, 2012.

Sincerely,



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