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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 or CHIP State Plan Amendment (SPA) or waiver application or amendment likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) Division of Medicaid (Idaho Medicaid) provides notice on the following matter.

Purpose

Idaho Medicaid intends to submit State Plan Amendments (SPAs) and Waiver Amendments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to remove and change benefits in the Idaho Medicaid State Plan Basic and Enhanced Alternative Benefit Plans (ABPs), and the 1915(b) managed care waiver including:

Discontinue Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) as a unique bundled service. The bundle includes assessment, therapy, assistance with medication management, crisis treatment, co-occurring substance use disorder treatment, skills restoration and care coordination activities through a designated multi-disciplinary team of mental health professionals.

Discontinue Mental Health Peer Support for Adults aged twenty-one (21) years or older. Mental health peer support is a program providing support from a Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPSS) using lived experience and special training to assist the participants recovering from mental health concerns. This benefit will continue for participants under the age of twenty-one (21).

Discontinue Provider Mileage Reimbursement. Mileage reimbursement is compensation for any mileage accrued attending medical and or mental health appointments.

Discontinue Skills Training and Development for Adults Twenty-one Years of Age and Older. Skills Training and Development is a program to enhance personal or family relationships, reduce work or family conflict, and adopt healthy, recovery-oriented behaviors. This benefit will continue for participants under the age of twenty-one (21).

Change of Behavior modification services to transition from managed care to Fee-for-Service behavioral intervention under Children's Habilitation Intervention Services (CHIS). Behavior modification and consultation (BMC) is the design, implementation, and evaluation of social and other environmental modifications to produce meaningful changes in human behavior, competencies, and confidence.

On August 22, 2025, the Department issued information release [MA25-17 Medicaid Provider Rate Adjustment](#) outlining rate reductions to support Medicaid budget sustainability. This communication included information regarding applicability to managed care programs and optional service suspension to meet the required budgetary holdback.

Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-A and Attachment 4.19-B pages to update reimbursement language related to the IBHP and the services therein.

These changes are in compliance with *42 C.F.R. § 430.25 Waivers of State plan requirements, 42 C.F.R. § 440.345 EPSDT and other required benefits, 42 C.F.R. § 440.386 Public notice, 42 C.F.R. § 441.304 Duration, extension, and amendment of a waiver, 42 C.F.R. § 447.204 Medicaid provider participation and public process to inform access to care, and 42 C.F.R. § 447.205 Public notice of changes in Statewide methods and standards for setting payment rates, as applicable.*

Proposed Effective Date

The Department intends to submit these amendments to CMS with requested effective dates of December 1, 2025.

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

A. Does this change directly affect American Indians / Alaska Natives (AI/AN) or Indian Health Care Providers (IHCPs) but is federally or statutorily mandated?

The benefits outlined above will no longer be available to any Medicaid-covered individuals, including American Indian/Alaska Natives.

B. Does the change impact services or access to services provided, or contracted for, by Indian Health Care Providers (IHCPs) including but not limited to:

- *Decrease/increase in services*
- *Change in provider qualifications/requirements*
- *Change service eligibility requirements (i.e. prior authorization)*
- *Place compliance costs on Indian Health Care Providers (IHCPs)*

- *Change in reimbursement rate or methodology*

The proposed changes do change available services available through IHCPs.

C. Does the change negatively impact or change the eligibility for, or access to, American Indians / Alaska Natives (AI/AN) Medicaid?

The proposed changes do not impact Medicaid eligibility or enrollment of American Indians / Alaska Natives (AI/AN).

Availability for Review

When available, copies of the draft pages will be posted on the IDHW website at <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/about-dhw/policies-procedures-and-waivers> (under “Medicaid policies”, PUBLIC-DOCUMENTS > About DHW > Policies & Standards > Medicaid > Draft State Plan Amendments).

Comments, Input, and Tribal Concerns

Idaho Medicaid appreciates any input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share regarding these changes. Please submit any comments prior to **December 26, 2025**, by email addressed to MCPT@dhw.idaho.gov. These proposed changes will also be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next Quarterly Tribal meeting.

Sincerely,



Juliet Charron
Director

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT STATE PLAN AND WAIVER AMENDMENTS AND SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

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PROPOSED CHANGES

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ESTIMATE OF EXPECTED CHANGE IN ANNUAL AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES

There is an expected decrease in annual aggregate expenditures under the 1915(b) waiver, due to removing benefits.

PUBLIC REVIEW

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Unless otherwise specified, copies are also available upon request for public review during regular business hours at any regional Medicaid services office of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Comments and Input Idaho Medicaid appreciates any input or concerns that the public wishes to share regarding these changes. Please submit any comments prior to **December 26, 2025**, by email addressed to MCPT@dhw.idaho.gov.

LOCATIONS FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT

Ada County

DHW Region 4, 1720 Westgate Drive, Boise, ID 83704

Central District Health Department, 707 North Armstrong Place, Boise, ID 83704

Adams County

Adams County Clerk's Office, 201 Industrial Avenue, Council, ID 83612

Bannock County

DHW Region 6, 1070 Hiline, Pocatello, ID 83201

Southeastern Idaho Public Health, 1901 Alvin Ricken Drive, Pocatello, ID 83201

Bear Lake County

Southeastern Idaho Public Health, 455 Washington, Suite #2, Montpelier, ID 83254

Benewah County

Panhandle Health District, 137 N 8th Street, St Maries, ID 83861

Bingham County

DHW Region 6, 701 East Alice, Blackfoot, ID 83221

Southeastern Idaho Public Health, 145 W Idaho Street, Blackfoot, ID 83221

Blaine County

South Central Public Health, 117 East Ash Street, Bellevue, ID 83313

Boise County

Boise County Clerk's Office, 420 Main Street, Idaho City, ID 83631

Bonner County

DHW Region 1, 207 Larkspur Street, Ponderay, ID 83852

Panhandle Health District, 2101 W. Pine Street, Sandpoint, ID 83864

Bonneville County

DHW Region 7, 150 Shoup Avenue, Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Eastern Idaho Public Health, 1250 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Boundary County

Panhandle Health District, 7402 Caribou Street, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805

Butte County

Southeastern Idaho Public Health, 178 Sunset Drive, Arco, ID 83213

Camas County

Camas County Clerk's Office, 501 Soldier Road, Fairfield, ID 83327

Canyon County

DHW Region 3, 3402 Franklin Road, Caldwell, ID 83605

Southwest District Health, 13307 Miami Lane, Caldwell, ID 83607

Caribou County

Southeastern Idaho Public Health, 55 East 1st South, Soda Springs, ID 83276

Cassia County

DHW Region 5, 2241 Overland Avenue, Burley, ID 83318

Clark County

Eastern Idaho Public Health, 332 West Main, Dubois, ID 83423

Clearwater County

North Central Health District, 105 115th Street, Orofino, ID 83544

Custer County

Eastern Idaho Public Health, 1050 N. Clinic Road, Suite A, Challis, ID 83226

Elmore County

DHW Region 4, 2420 American Legion Blvd., Mountain Home, ID 83647

Central District Health Department, 520 E. 8th Street N, Mountain Home, ID 83647

Franklin County

DHW Region 6, 223 North State, Preston, ID 83263

Southeastern Idaho Public Health, 50 West 1 St. South, Preston, ID 83263

Fremont County

Eastern Idaho Public Health, 45 South 2nd West, St. Anthony, ID 83445

Gem County

Southwest District Health, 1008 East Locust, Emmett, ID 83617

Gooding County

South Central Public Health, 255 North Canyon Drive, Gooding, ID 83330

Idaho County

DHW Region 2, Camas Resource Center, 216 South C Street, Grangeville, ID 83530

North Central Health District, 903 W Main, Grangeville, ID 83530

Jefferson County

Eastern Idaho Public Health, 380 Community Lane, Rigby, ID 83442

Jerome County

South Central Public Health, 951 East Avenue H, Jerome, ID 83338

Kootenai County

DHW Region 1, 1120 Ironwood Drive, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Panhandle Health District, 8500 N. Atlas Road, Hayden, ID 83835

Latah County

DHW Region 2, 1350 Troy Highway, Moscow, ID 83843

North Central Health District, 333 E Palouse River Drive, Moscow, ID 83843

Lemhi County

DHW Region 7, 111 Lillian Street, Suite 104, Salmon, ID 83467

Eastern Idaho Public Health, 801 Monroe, Salmon, ID 83467

Lewis County

North Central Health District, 132 N Hill Street, Kamiah, ID 83536

Lincoln County

South Central Public Health, Lincoln County Community Center, 201 South Beverly St., Shoshone, ID 83352

Madison County

DHW Region 7, 333 Walker Drive, Rexburg, ID 83440

Eastern Idaho Public Health, 314 North 3rd East, Rexburg, ID 83440

Minidoka County

South Central Public Health, 485 22nd Street, Heyburn, ID 83336

Nez Perce County

DHW Region 2, 1118 F Street, Lewiston, ID 83501

North Central Health District, 215 10th Street, Lewiston, ID 83501

Oneida County

Southeastern Idaho Public Health, 175 South 300 East, Malad, ID 83252

Owyhee County

Southwest District Health, 132 E. Idaho, Homedale, ID 83628

Payette County

DHW Region 3, 515 N. 16th Street, Payette, ID 83661

Southwest District Health, 1155 Third Avenue North, Payette, ID 83661

Power County

Southeastern Idaho Public Health, 590 1/2 Gifford, American Falls, ID 83211

Shoshone County

DHW Region 1, 35 Wildcat Way, Suite B, Kellogg, ID 83837

Panhandle Health District, 114 Riverside Avenue W, Kellogg, ID 83837

Teton County

Eastern Idaho Public Health, 820 Valley Centre Drive, Driggs, ID 83422

Twin Falls County

DHW Region 5, 601 Pole Line Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301

South Central Public Health, 1020 Washington Street North, Twin Falls, ID 83301

Valley County

Central District Health Department, 703 1st Street, McCall, ID 83638

Washington County

Southwest District Health, 46 West Court, Weiser, ID 83672

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department is accepting written and recorded comments regarding the proposed changes for a period of at least thirty (30) calendar days. Any persons wishing to provide input may submit comments.

Comments must be received by the Department within thirty (30) days of the posting of this notice, and must be sent using one of the following methods:

- *Send Email Comments To:* MCPT@dhw.idaho.gov
- *Call and Leave Recorded Comments At:* (208) 364-1887
- *Send Fax Comments To:* (208) 287-1170
- *Mail Comments To:* Division of Medicaid
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0009
Attn: Policy Team

Hand Deliver Comments During Regular Business Hours (M-F from 8AM to 5PM, except holidays) To:

Division of Medicaid
450 West State Street, 6th Floor, Boise, ID 83720
Attn: Policy Team

The Department will review all comments received prior to submitting the changes to CMS.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearings have been scheduled at this time.

QUESTIONS

For technical questions or to review the changes, e-mail the request to MCPT@dhw.idaho.gov.