

IDAPA 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

16.03.26 – MEDICAID PLAN BENEFITS

DOCKET NO. 16-0326-2601

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING – PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section [67-5221\(1\)](#), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section(s) [56-202\(b\)](#), [56-265](#), and [56-276](#), Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearings concerning this rulemaking will be held as follows:

Friday, October 16, 2026 3:00 p.m. (MT)	Wednesday, October 21, 2026 2:00 p.m. (MT)
In Person: 450 W. State Street, 10th Floor, Boise ID 83720 Conference Rm 10B Meeting link: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/268008390535088?p=Z1uN8PlvX7JQktHaEu Meeting ID: 268 008 390 535 088 Passcode: qx3g6cn7 Dial in by phone 1 972-454-4077 United States, Dallas Boise 1-208-609-5034 Phone conference ID: 894 169 67#	In Person: 450 W. State Street, 10th Floor, Boise ID 83720 Conference Rm 10B Meeting link: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2280965511466?p=788GW5rm0K7d4Ets0n Meeting ID: 228 096 551 146 6 Passcode: rA22Do75 Dial in by phone: 1 972-454-4077 United States, Dallas Boise 1-208-609-5034 Phone conference ID: 168 238 115#

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

These rule changes are proposed to make adjustments for more efficient operation of the State Medicaid program. They align with session laws from the Idaho Legislature and are responsive to CMS and provider network feedback on various topics. The changes do not create new services. Some changes relieve burden on providers. Some changes simplify and/or clarify language or meaning, often where existing language creates unintentional ambiguity. Some changes better position the Department to administer the State Medicaid program and exercise effective utilization management.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased:

Fees will not be increased as a result of this rulemaking.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year as a result of this rulemaking:

There is not anticipated to be a negative fiscal impact exceeding \$10,000.

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section [67-5220\(1\)](#), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules - Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the July 1, 2026, Idaho Administrative Bulletin, [Vol. 26-7 pages 71-72](#).

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section [67-5229\(2\)\(a\)](#), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Estela Cabrera at DHWRules@dhw.idaho.gov or (208) 334-5500.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 28, 2026.

DATED this 7th day of October, 2026.

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