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Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that Idaho Medicaid intends to revise IDAPA 16.03.10.515, and amend the 1915(c) Adult Developmental Disabilities (DD) waiver in order to comply with House Bill 476. It is anticipated that the above changes will be effective July 1, 2014.

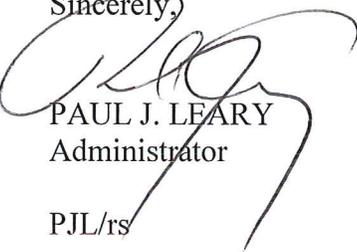
On March 18, 2014, the governor signed into law House Bill 476, which revised Idaho Code §56-255. Revisions to Idaho Code added the ability for an adult DD waiver participant to submit a plan of service that exceeds their annual calculated budget when the request for additional budget dollars is associated with services to obtain or maintain employment. All budget modifications must meet criteria as defined in Department rule.

Idaho Medicaid has submitted a 1915(c) Adult DD waiver amendment to be compliant with the revised code. We are beginning the informal process of gathering feedback from stakeholders to develop Department criteria used when reviewing requests for additional budget dollars to obtain or maintain employment.

Idaho Medicaid is interested in receiving your comments, questions or suggestions relating to this change. Our first stakeholder meeting is scheduled March 31, 2014, from 9:30 AM-12:00 PM (MT). If you wish to attend, please contact Stephanie Perry at 208-364-1878, for room or teleconference information. Additionally, written comments, questions or suggestions can be provided at perrys@dhw.idaho.gov.

Development of the proposed changes will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting scheduled for May 7, 2014. Should you have questions about this letter, the upcoming rule changes or waiver submission, please contact Stephanie Perry at the above contact information by April 19, 2014.

Sincerely,


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