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*Dear Tribal Representative:*

This notice is to inform you that Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a change to our State Plan. This change will better define coverage of pre-existing medical expenses that are incurred prior to an application for Medicaid benefits. We intend to submit the change no later than July 7, 2014.

Because tribal members do not incur a share of cost for their medical care, we do not expect this amendment to our State Plan to have any effect for members of Idaho tribes.

Our current State plan does not allow consideration of pre-existing medical expenses outside of Medicaid benefit coverage, regardless of the individual's eligibility for Medicaid at the time. Idaho plans to revise our State Plan to better align with federal requirements and to allow additional expenses to be covered. This change will provide a framework for the types of expenses allowed, limitations around the timeframe of these expenses, for whom the expenses were incurred, and the amount of the expense that will be considered during the cost sharing calculation for Medicaid benefits for the aged, blind, and disabled.

Idaho Medicaid's development of the proposed change will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting scheduled for May 8, 2014. Idaho Medicaid is interested in receiving your comments, questions or suggestions relating to this change. Should you have questions about this letter or the upcoming state plan amendment submission, please contact Camille Mongelli, Program Manager, Division of Welfare at (208) 334-5969, or by email at [MongelliC@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:MongelliC@dhw.idaho.gov), prior to June 6, 2014.

Sincerely,

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