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Dear Tribal Representative:

SUBJECT: Primary Care Case Management State Plan Amendments

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 State Plan Amendment (SPA) or waiver likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) seeks your advice on the following matter.

Purpose

IDHW intends to submit three SPA's to align our primary care case management programs with the State Healthcare Innovation Plan and with Governor Otter's executive orders #2010-15 and #2010-10 to develop a statewide patient centered medical home (PCMH) model of care. These SPA's will accomplish the following objectives:

- Modification of our existing Healthy Connections program structure to provide participants with improved case management activities and care coordination
- Revise our existing Healthy Connections monthly case management payment to compensate for patient-centered activities based on the participant's health status
- Remove our existing Health Homes pilot program

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

Moving the Healthy Connections program to a PCMH model of care will convey benefits of greater coordination of care with anticipated improved outcomes to all enrolled participants.

Copy Available on Request

IDHW is in the process of completing the drafts of the three SPA's. A copy of the drafts will be provided on request as soon as they are available.

Comments and Questions

IDHW would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share regarding these SPA's. Please return any comments to or request a copy of the draft SPA's when they become available from Ms. Cindy Brock, Alternative Care Coordinator at (208) 364-1983 or by email at brockc@dhw.idaho.gov by September 29, 2015. Idaho Medicaid's development of the project will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting scheduled for November 5, 2015.

Sincerely,



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