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Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to give notice that Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) in order to update the Medicare-Medicaid Coordinated Plan Alternative Benefit Plan. We intend to submit the SPA no later than January 15, 2016.

The Medicare-Medicaid Coordinated Plan (MMCP) is a voluntary managed care plan available to Idaho residents over age 21 that are dually eligible for Medicare Parts A and B and full Medicaid benefits. Currently, the plan is available in 33 out of Idaho's 44 counties. The health plan administering the MMCP, Blue Cross of Idaho Care Plus, Inc., received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to expand to all Idaho counties except Lemhi and Franklin effective January 1, 2016. The MMCP Alternative Benefit Plan must be updated to reflect the expanded geographic availability of the program.

Idaho Medicaid's development of the proposed SPA will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting scheduled for February 2nd, 2016. 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 SPA submission, please contact Ali Fernández at (208) 287-1156 or by email at Fernanda@dhw.idaho.gov prior to December 30, 2015.

Sincerely,

LISA HETTINGER
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