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Dear Tribal Representative:

SUBJECT: Renewal of 1915(i) State Plan Home and Community Based Services benefit

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 the necessary SPA to renew our 1915(i) authority for State Plan Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) for children with developmental disabilities. The SPA will accomplish the following objectives:

- Renewal of the state benefit five (5) year time period to begin July 1, 2016 and extend through June 30, 2021.
- Revise the existing text in the state plan amendment to demonstrate compliance with the final 1915(i) regulations as required beginning at 42 CFR §441.700.

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

Re-authorizing the 1915(i) State Plan HCBS authority for an additional five (5) years will assure that continued benefits of services are available to all enrolled participants. The incorporation of the new HCBS regulations will help ensure participants are afforded choices during their person-centered planning about services and residential settings. This renewal is expected to have limited or no impact to tribes beyond maintenance of existing services.

Copy Available on Request

IDHW is in the process of completing the drafts of the indicated SPA. A copy of the draft will be provided on request as soon as it is available.

Comments and Questions

IDHW is submitting this notice under expedited circumstances with fourteen (14) day notice and seven (7) days allowed for a response. Idaho would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share regarding this SPA. To request a copy of the draft SPA when it becomes available, or submit any comments, please contact Ms. Carolyn Burt, Alternative Care Coordinator at (208) 287-1174 or by email at burtc@dhw.idaho.gov by February 19, 2016.

Idaho Medicaid's renewal work will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting scheduled for February 4, 2016.

Sincerely,

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