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Dear Tribal Representative:

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

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services informed IDHW on February 12, 2016 that the services provided to Idaho's Medicaid eligible pregnant women with income above \$365 per month does not meet the requirements in Section 5000A of the IRS regulations for minimum essential coverage.

Idaho intends to submit a SPA to clarify what services are provided to pregnant women on Medicaid who meet this criteria. The effective date of the SPA is January 1, 2016.

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

This change will have no impact on the tribes as it is a clarification of already existing services for pregnant women.

Copy Available on Request

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

Comments and Questions

IDHW would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share regarding this SPA. Please return any comments to or request a copy of the draft SPA when it becomes available from Ms. Cindy Brock, Alternative Care Coordinator at (208) 364-1983 or by email at brockc@dhw.idaho.gov by April 5, 2016. Idaho Medicaid's development of the SPA will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting scheduled for May 2016.

Sincerely,

LISA HETTINGER
Administrator

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