

IDAPA 16 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

16.03.10 - MEDICAID ENHANCED PLAN BENEFITS

DOCKET NO. 16-0310-1203

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES - NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Sections 56-202, 56-203, 56-250 through 56-257, and 56-260 through 56-266, Idaho Code.

MEETING SCHEDULE: A public meeting on the negotiated rulemaking will be held as follows:

Wednesday, June 20, 2012, 4:00 p.m. (MDT)

**Medicaid Central Office
Conference Room D-East and West
3232 Elder Street
Boise, ID 83705**

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking may do any of the following:

1. Attend the negotiated rulemaking meeting and participate in the negotiation process;
2. Participate in the meeting via teleconference: **1-888-706-6468**, participant code: **797069**;
3. Provide oral or written recommendations, or both, at the negotiated rulemaking meeting;
4. Submit written recommendations and comments to the address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principal issues involved:

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare implemented the Children's System Redesign on July 1, 2011. Under the redesign, the Department is moving from a one-size-fits-all system that was only able to deliver therapy, to a system that provides a continuum of care based on the child's level of need. The new array of redesign benefits replaces developmental therapy and intensive behavioral intervention (IBI) services currently available under the State Plan.

Additionally, rules pertaining to the children's redesign services were approved by the Idaho Legislature during the 2011 legislative session. To transition children from developmental therapy and IBI to the redesign system, the Legislature approved a phased implementation plan to enroll children into the redesign according to their birthdays. The phased implementation plan has required the Department to operate both the old and new systems concurrently over the span of the transition year. The intent of keeping the old benefits in place (developmental therapy and IBI) was to ensure that families have services until their designated transition time to avoid any gap in services for their child. The next step in the process is to phase out these old benefits.

Prior to the submission of proposed rules for the next phase of the redesign, the Department is seeking public input on changes to children's developmental disabilities services scheduled for implementation on July 1, 2013.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING COPIES: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking, contact Lauren Ertz at (208) 287-1169.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before June 29, 2012.

DATED this 4th day of May, 2012.

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