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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee and the House Health & Welfare Committee
FROM: Senior Legislative Research Analyst - Ryan Bush
DATE: July 8, 2014
SUBJECT: Department of Health and Welfare - Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits

IDAPA 16.03.10 - Rules Pertaining To Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits (Docket No. 16-0310-1401)

The Department of Health and Welfare submits notice of temporary and proposed rulemaking at IDAPA 16.03.10 - Rules Pertaining To Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits. The Department states that this rulemaking is to restore dental services that were cut pursuant to House Bill 260 (2011). These dental benefits are to reflect evidence-based practice for adults with disabilities and special health needs and are being done pursuant to House Bill 395 (2014). This rulemaking also allows for developmental disability budget modifications for community-supported employment pursuant to House Bill 476 (2014). Specifically, this rule change restores such dental benefits and sets conditions upon which developmental disability budget modifications for community-supported employment are authorized.

Negotiated rulemaking was conducted and a Notice of Intent to Promulgate rules was published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin in May. Public hearings are scheduled in Idaho Falls on July 15, in Boise on July 16 and in Lewiston on July 17. The Department states that the fiscal impact on the state general fund for dental services will be \$1,418,100 and \$235,000 for community-supported employment. The Department further states that the fiscal impacts are the state's matching funds for these services and will be covered by its Medicaid Division budget for SFY 2015.

The proposed rule appears to be within the statutory authority granted to the Department in Sections 56-202(b) and 56-253, Idaho Code, and in accordance with House Bills 395 and 476.

cc: Department of Health and Welfare
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