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To: In-State Idaho Medicaid Providers

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Subject: Medicaid Provider Stabilization Funding Opportunity from CFAC

The Coronavirus Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) considered and approved \$38 million in CARES Act funding on September 25, 2020 for the Idaho Medicaid Provider Stabilization Funding Opportunity.

To assist in addressing the COVID-19 impact on Idaho Medicaid providers, and in an effort to distribute the remaining funds as allowed by the passage of the [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021](#), the Idaho Medicaid Provider Stabilization Funding Opportunity is opening applications to continue to support Idaho Medicaid health care providers through the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The application for funding is a general distribution that provides relief to Medicaid providers demonstrating above average increases to expenses directly attributable to the prevention, preparation, or continued response to COVID-19. The general distribution funding opportunity aims to provide continued support to providers that continue to be affected by COVID-19. Funding distributions will be calculated using quantified COVID-19-related activity metrics based on the provider's unique Medicaid participant served during the COVID-19 public health emergency from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Idaho Medicaid encourages providers to submit an application if they meet the following qualifications:

- Are in-state providers; and
- Have directly billed Idaho Medicaid during calendar year 2021; and
- Have COVID-19 related expenses for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021; and
- Are actively enrolled with Idaho Medicaid; and
- Are in good standing, meaning no current provider actions, sanctions, or debts owed; and
- Do not owe any back taxes to the state of Idaho; and

- Are not debarred from receiving federal funds.

The application allows targeted providers to demonstrate an increase in COVID-19 expenses and how their typical service delivery model has changed during the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration in the first half of calendar year 2021. Providers must demonstrate necessary expenditures directly related to the prevention, preparation, and response to COVID-19 or directly related to the care of possible or actual COVID-19 patients or Medicaid participants.

Idaho Medicaid will review the providers' expenditures, claims data to verify the providers' enrollment, revenues, and number of unique Medicaid participants served during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Idaho Medicaid will also take into account the provider's previous COVID-19 related assistance payments. Qualifying providers may receive a one-time payment to cover the impacts directly attributable to COVID-19. Qualifying providers may receive up to \$1,800** per Medicaid participant served during the COVID-19 public health emergency in 2021. Idaho Medicaid will begin receiving applications from targeted providers on September 1, 2021.

The application deadline is 5:00 PM Mountain Time on October 29, 2021. *

Funding allocated to the Medicaid Provider Stabilization Funding Opportunity was under the purview of CFAC and not Idaho Medicaid.

Providers hired and paid by Medicaid participants are not eligible for this funding. This includes, but is not limited to, the provider types: Support Brokers and Community Support Workers. Fiscal Employer Agents are also not eligible for this funding.

The application for funding, instructions on how to apply, and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document are available at the Department of Health and Welfare's [public documents website](#) for download. Applications will be received in order and tracked as they come in.***

Idaho Medicaid thanks all our providers for their service to Idaho residents during this pandemic.

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