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Parent/Guardian Name Address City, State, Zip Code

Re: Immediate action required to prevent interruption in your child's developmental disability (DD) services

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is a follow up to a general letter that was mailed to your family informing you of important changes to your child's developmental disabilities services. You are receiving this additional letter because our records show your child's current health coverage is through the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Based on your child's current health coverage, you must take additional steps to apply for children's redesign services.

Children whose health coverage is through CHIP **do not** qualify for children's DD benefits under the redesign system. However, your child may be eligible for DD services if they qualify for Medicaid based on their disability.

To determine if your child qualifies based on their disability, you must apply for Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) for your child through the Social Security Administration. The application process can take several months to complete, so it's strongly recommended that you begin the process immediately to avoid any interruption in your child's services.

In order to continue receiving DD services after June 30, 2013, you must take the following steps to apply for services based on disability:

- 1) Call the Social Security office at (800) 772-1213, and apply for SSI for your child.
- 2) If your child is eligible for SSI:
 - Social Security will send a letter saying your child is approved.
 - Contact me at (208) 334-5701, to let me know your child is eligible for SSI and I will give you instructions to start the children's DD application process.

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- 3) If your child is NOT eligible for SSI:
 - Ask the Social Security office what the reason for the denial is.
 - Contact me at (208) 334-5701, to let me know your child is not eligible for SSI.
 - If the denial is based on your family not meeting the financial requirements for SSI, I will help your family apply for the Katie Beckett program.
 - If your child is eligible under the Katie Beckett program, I'll send you an application for children's DD services.
- 4) If your child is NOT eligible for SSI based on a disability or does NOT qualify for Katie Beckett:
 - Your child does not qualify for children's DD services.
 - If your family's income or child's disability changes, your family should reapply at that time.
 - If your child is currently receiving DD services under the old system, your child may continue receiving those services until they are discontinued on June 30, 2013.

If you have questions, please contact me at (208) 334-5701, or by e-mail at FadnessR@dhw.idaho.gov. It is important that you act now to ensure this process is completed no later than June 30, 2013.

To stay current on information, please visit the Children's System Redesign website at www.redesignforchildren.medicaid.idaho.gov. If you have questions about the transition process, please contact the redesign project team at redesign@dhw.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

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