

HEALTH & WELFARE

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Dear Insurance Carrier/Broker,

This letter is to inform you of significant changes coming to Idaho Medicaid's Premium Assistance Program. Over the next few months, many of the participants currently receiving premium assistance through Idaho Medicaid will transition either to direct coverage through the Medicaid program or to coverage through the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange.

- Premium assistance will no longer be available for children under age 21 after December 31, 2013. Families of those children may enroll in direct Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or Medicaid coverage at any time before January 1, 2014, to avoid a break in coverage. Parents will be receiving notification with a form to return indicating their preferences for switching coverage.
- Adults with incomes equal or greater than 100% of the federal poverty level will not receive premium assistance after December 31, 2013. These individuals will have access to coverage through the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange as of January 1, 2014. They may enroll with the Exchange on or after October 1, 2013.

We will be sending an additional communication in October 2013 that will include a roster of the participants, enrolled with you, whose coverage will be impacted. This will include the date their coverage under premium assistance will end. We will also be communicating directly with participants and employers regarding these changes.

If you have questions, or need more information, please call Cindy Brock in Division of Medicaid at (208) 364-1983, or email her at brockc@dhw.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

PAUL J. LEARY Administrator

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