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TO:

All Healthy Connections Primary Care Providers (PCPs) and

All Hospital and Ambulatory Surgical Center Providers

FROM:

Leslie M. Clement, Administrator

SUBJECT:

Removal of Requirement for Healthy Connections Referral for

Outpatient Dental Services

Effective September 1, 2007, the requirement for a Healthy Connections referral is removed for dental procedures provided in a hospital outpatient or ambulatory surgical center setting. This change is due to the implementation of the Idaho Smiles dental program.

We are pleased to make this change to support the Department's efforts to simplify the Idaho Medicaid program. Should you have questions, please contact Ms. Robin Pewtress at: (208) 364-1892 or pewtresr@dhw.idaho.gov. This information is in addendum to Sections 1, 3 and 6 of the provider handbook.

Thank you for working with us to deliver quality health care to the citizens of Idaho!

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