

Work Completed to Date

In order for Idaho Medicaid to administer the incentive payment program, approval was needed from CMS. Medicaid was required to complete a Planning – Advanced Planning Document (P-APD) and submit it to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Idaho submitted the P-APD in October 2009. That document was designed to inform CMS of the steps Idaho will take to complete step two, completion of the State Medicaid HIT Plan (SMHP). The P-APD contained a high level project plan that defined Medicaid's strategy for developing the SMHP, the expected timeline for completing the work, as well as who was expected to work on this project. The P-APD was approved by CMS in early December 2009.

Since that time there have been two updates to the P-APD. One extended our timeline and one requested permission to hire a contractor to assist Idaho in completing the State Medicaid HIT Plan (SMHP) and the Implementation-APD. Those documents must be developed and submitted to CMS for approval before Idaho can do the work required to implement the program such as connecting to the National Level Repository where providers will register for the incentives.

An RFP was released in early November and the process to hire a consultant is expected to be completed by mid-January. In the interim Medicaid has completed a survey of professionals and hospitals to assess their interest in the incentive program, and continues to participate on several workgroups designed to support the incentive program. Idaho's goal remains to implement the incentive program as soon as possible.