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SUBJECT: BPA Health Contract

Greetings all! Thank you for your continued patience and collaboration as the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) works to accommodate the changes that have been brought about as a result of Medicaid Expansion in Idaho.

Due to historical legislative directives, DBH has been responsible for funding the Managed Services Contract with BPA Health (BPAH) on behalf of all participating partners (the Idaho Supreme Court (ISC), the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC), and the Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC)). Heretofore, DBH has relied heavily on State funding to support this contract; with the adoption of expanded Medicaid on 01/01/2020, DBH's state-funded Substance Use Disorder (SUD) dollars were transferred to the Division of Medicaid to assist in paying for the State's portion of expansion. Because of this reduction in funding, as well as the reduced number of uninsured Idahoans needing to access SUD services through BPAH, it is not feasible to continue the BPAH contract at its current level. Therefore, due to these significant changes brought to the SUD landscape in Idaho by Medicaid expansion, the contract that the Department holds with BPAH is being mutually terminated effective 02/29/2020. In its place, a modified contract will take effect on 03/01/2020.

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank BPAH for their diligence and willingness in reaching a solution that continues to serve the citizens of Idaho. The decisions regarding the contents of the new contract were difficult to make yet BPAH consistently showed their dedication to the clients, providers, and partners during these discussions. DBH, IDOC, ISC, and IDJC were all involved in this decision-making process.

As a result of Medicaid Expansion, we continue to anticipate that most individuals in need of SUD treatment services will be eligible for Medicaid. All partners will continue to fund treatment for those who are not Medicaid eligible, however, the populations each partner serves may change in the future. The partners will also continue to pay for Recovery Support Services (RSS). RSS will be offered for those with partner funded treatment as well as a braided service for those receiving Medicaid-funded treatment (also known by some as "Medicaid supplemental state funding"). Again, due to changes in budgets for each of the partners, the populations each partner funds may change in the future.

Under the terms of the new contract, BPAH will maintain a SUD network that consists of treatment and Recovery Support Services (RSS) providers. This network will continue to provide services throughout all seven (7) IDHW regions, including those areas deemed as rural and/or

frontier. Beginning March 1, 2020, in order for an outpatient treatment provider to be included in the BPAH network, they must be an active Medicaid provider. This requirement will ensure continuity of care for those individuals who may become ineligible for Medicaid during their SUD treatment episode. For adult Residential Treatment Providers to be in the BPAH network, they must hold national accreditation. Adolescent residential providers who do not have national accreditation will continue to be monitored by BPAH.

Several Quality Assurance functions for partner-funded services will be transferred to DBH. These are functions previously performed by BPAH.:

- Complaints will be routed to the DBH complaint line for resolution.
- Critical incidents will be routed to DBH.
- Oversight of compliance with all existing Corrective Action and Performance Improvement Plans will be assumed by DBH.
- For-cause audits will be the responsibility of DBH.
- Note- For Programs licensed by Child Care Licensing all licensing related issues should be reported to them.

BPAH's audits will be limited to two categories of providers:

- Safe and Sober Housing
- Non-accredited Adolescent Residential Treatment

We will continue to communicate any changes to you in a timely fashion. If you have any questions regarding this memo or its contents, please email Sherry Johnson at Sherry.Johnson@dhw.idaho.gov or Mindy Oldenkamp at Mindy.Oldenkamp@dhw.idaho.gov.