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**SUBJECT:** Up-front Recovery Support Services (RSS)

In order to help improve access to Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment for Idahoans, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW), Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) is excited to offer up-front Recovery Support Services for clients found eligible for an IDHW-funded assessment. Beginning 10/15/2020, clients qualifying for a SUD assessment will also be offered 30 days of certain Recovery Support Services (RSS) at the network provider(s) of their choice. The goal of this new service is to provide support for individuals as they wait for their assessment appointment, which, depending on volume and location, may be a few days out.

Eligible Recovery Support Services include:

- Case Management (Basic and Intensive)
- Case Management (PWWC)
- Drug/Alcohol Testing
- Transportation
- Transportation of Child
- Child Care\*
- Life Skills
- Staffing (Planned Facilitation)
- Recovery Coaching

*\* It is important to keep in mind that many network childcare providers require the parent to remain on-site while childcare services are being provided.*

To maintain Service Limits and Authorization Span Maximums as listed on IDHW Rate Matrix, the RSS units authorized for the first 30 days will be deducted from any future RSS authorizations.

After completing the assessment, the treatment provider is reminded to follow current processes in requesting any additional units and/or Recovery Support Services beyond the initial 30-day authorizations at the clients' chosen provider(s).

We believe that providing additional support for individuals awaiting their assessment, we will experience an increase in the number of individuals who complete that assessment and subsequently access treatment. If you have any questions regarding this new service, please contact BPA Health at 1.800.922.3406.