

Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

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Richard Armstrong, Director Department of Health and Welfare Towers Building – Tenth Floor Post Office Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0036

RE: Idaho State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-008

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of SPA Transmittal Number 13-008. This SPA delays implementation of changes approved under SPA 13-002 from July 1, 2013 to September 1, 2013 to Idaho's Basic and Enhanced benchmark benefit plans under section 1937 of the Social Security Act. These State plan changes are necessary in order to implement a 1915(b) waiver and Pre-Paid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP) managed care service delivery system for community-based outpatient behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services.

This SPA is approved effective September 1, 2013.

If you have any additional questions or require any further assistance, please contact me or have your staff contact Tom Couch at (208) 334-9482 or <u>Thomas.Couch@cms.hhs.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Carol J.C. Peverly Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

cc: Denise Chuckovich, Deputy Director Paul Leary, Medicaid Benefits Administrator David Simnitt, Deputy Administrator