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**To:** All Medicaid Providers

**From:** Matt Wimmer, Administrator

**Subject:** Temporary Suspension of Medicaid Co-payments for All Services

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare continues to monitor and prepare for impacts resulting from the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). During this time it is vitally important that Medicaid participants receive services and get their needs met.

**To reduce both financial barriers to medical services for Medicaid participants and administrative burden for providers during this public health emergency, Idaho Medicaid is temporarily suspending all participant co-payments for delivered services.**

**This applies to co-payments for provider visits only. It does not apply to “share of cost” payments for people receiving institutional care or home and community-based services.**

**Please cease all collection of co-payments from patients, effective immediately.**

This temporary change takes effect on March 19, 2020. Further guidance will be forthcoming as the situation develops.

Because events around the pandemic continue to unfold rapidly, our system is not yet fully configured to accept this change. The Medicaid Systems Team is working on necessary changes to effectuate this policy and will reprocess claims consistent with this policy as soon as possible.

We thank you for your service to Idaho Medicaid participants and appreciate your work to address this public health threat.

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