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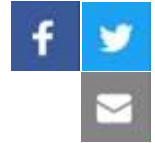
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Dept. of Insurance Seeks Comments on Coverage Choice Waiver

BOISE ID – The Idaho Department of Insurance is requesting public comment through public hearings, email or traditional mail regarding a draft Section 1332 State Relief and Empowerment Waiver application. The Department plans to submit the waiver application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and to the United States Department of the Treasury on or about July 15, 2019.

The purpose of the waiver, titled the *Coverage Choice Waiver*, is to allow Idahoans with incomes from 100% to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) the choice to continue receiving tax credits to reduce premiums for private health insurance, or alternatively to enroll in Medicaid. The proposed effective date for the waiver is January 1, 2020.

In November 2018, voters passed a proposition to expand Medicaid eligibility to individuals with incomes up to 138% FPL. The Idaho legislature then passed SB1204aa, instructing the Department of Health and Welfare and the Department of Insurance to seek the Coverage Choice Waiver. Without the waiver, individuals who are eligible for Medicaid cannot qualify for the premium tax credit.

The Department's comprehensive public notice, tribal notice and the waiver application are available at <https://doi.idaho.gov/publicinformation/publiccomments>. The public hearings will be held at the following locations:

Boise Public Hearing

Location: Department of Health & Welfare
Westgate Office, Room 131
1720 Westgate Drive, Boise
Date: June 24, 2019
Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Lewiston Public Hearing

Location: Department of Health & Welfare
Lewiston Office, 3rd Floor Conference Room
1118 F Street, Lewiston
Date: June 27, 2019
Time: 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Public comments will be accepted until June 30, 2019.

About the Department of Insurance

The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to serve and protect Idahoans by equitably, effectively and efficiently administering the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit doi.idaho.gov.

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