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**Idaho Department of Insurance Section 1332 State Innovation Waiver
Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period**

The Idaho Department of Insurance gives notice of intent to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and to the United States Department of the Treasury for a Section 1332 State Innovation waiver on or about January 5, 2018. The purpose of the waiver is to extend eligibility for help in paying monthly health insurance premiums through Advance Premium Tax Credits (APTC) and help in paying health care out-of-pocket costs (cost-sharing reductions) to working U.S. citizens who file federal income tax returns with income below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The proposed effective date for the waiver is January 1, 2019.

Today, thousands of Idaho residents have incomes of under 100% FPL and are without health coverage. Due to the requirement to have income of at least 100% FPL in order to qualify for APTC, these Idahoans are effectively locked out of the commercial health insurance market due to the unaffordability of coverage. While these working U.S. citizens are ineligible for APTC, lawfully-present aliens falling into the same income range are eligible for and receive APTC. This Section 1332 waiver, if approved, would extend eligibility for federal financial assistance in maintaining in private market insurance coverage to Idaho residents with income below 100% FPL who are U.S. citizens.

The Department's comprehensive public notice, tribal notice and the waiver application are available on our website at <https://doi.idaho.gov/publicinformation/publiccomments>. The Department is seeking public comment through public hearings, the interactive form available on the website, via email or traditional mail as indicated below. Public hearings will be held at the following locations:

Boise Public Hearing

Location: Pete T. Cenarrusa Bldg.
7th Floor, Conference Rm. 7A
450 W. State St.
Date: December 7, 2017
Time: 11:00AM - 1:00 PM

Pocatello Public Hearing

Location: Horizon Plaza
Suite #230
1070 Hiline Rd.
Date: December 8, 2017
Time: 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Coeur d'Alene Public Hearing

Location: 1120 Ironwood Building
Large Conference Rm.
1120 Ironwood Dr.
Date: December 12, 2017
Time: 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Conference line for all dates and locations:

Call: 1-877-820-7831
Guest Code: 701700

Interested parties may also request hard copies of the waiver packet or submit comments via email or traditional USPS mail to:

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Public comments will be accepted until December 15, 2017.