

Division of Medicaid Meeting

On Friday, January 20, 2023, Administrator of the Division of Medicaid, Juliet Charron, held a meeting for stakeholders to discuss the upcoming FY 24 requested budget. The budget priorities are ongoing service delivery, program sustainability, system transformation, and cost containment.

There will be a joint House and Senate Health and Welfare Committee where Administrator Charron will be discussing Medicaid expansion and the past years growth. The goal is to educate from a macro level and explain the impacts the pandemic had on the Medicaid expansion. She was cautious to give away too much about her presentation, but she does plan to review the costly pharmaceutical drugs that are required.

One item that was highlighted was the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan (IBHP). This plan will cover many behavioral health efforts and will be housed through the Division of Medicaid. This is one of the largest Medicaid Managed Care Models that Idaho has done. The plan will be awarded to multiple vendors who will be announced shortly.

Another item that the Division is excited about was the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). This program will be revamped since the contract is expired. Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) is working with the Division of Purchasing to receive an exemption. \$48.5 million will be used to re-procure and implement the MMIS. This will be a five (5) year contract. IDHW plans to bring legislation to create a new dedicated fund to move funds from the PHE to support the general funds portion of the requests and minimize state funding in the future. CMS is putting pressure on states to update their systems. Provider surveys will be offered in the next few weeks to figure out what Idaho Medicaid providers need.

Other FY 24 Requests include:

- Base Maintenance T&B: \$153,091,500
 - o Ongoing Medicaid Maintenance
- Medicaid One-Time Trendline Update: \$210,134,700
 - o Updates due to PHE, enhanced FMAP, and held managed care payments
- Medicaid Receipt and Dedicated Authority: \$132,308,000
 - Authority for receipting and recoveries
 - Pharmacy
 - Rebates
 - Provider Assessments
 - Recoveries
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Review: \$100,000
 - o Will be mainly focused on behavioral health in children
- YES Service Management (One-time): \$245,000
- YES Service Management (Ongoing): \$246,200
- Idaho Behavioral Health Plan: \$72 million
- Homes for Adult Residential Treatment: \$3,160,000
- Managed Care Compliance Reviews: \$560,000
- Hospital Supplemental Payment Update: \$238,535,000 (FF)
- Hospital Assessment for FY 24: \$80 million (dedicated)
- Ground Emergency Medical Transportation: \$20,082,000
- Quality Improvement Organization (QIO): \$300,000
 - Complex case management
 - Data analysis
 - Manage high needs
 - High-costs participants
 - o Fraud