



Idaho Medicaid

CMS I/T/U Training

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- Five Tribes of Idaho
 - Couer d'Alene (6,551)
 - Kootenai (150)
 - Nez Perce (3,500)
 - Shoshone-Bannock (5,300)
 - Shoshone-Paiute (1,200 / 250 in Idaho)
- 1.7% of Idaho population (20,000 total – 15,000 rez)
- Support 12,500 jobs across the state
 - \$1.45 billion economic impact
- Unemployment 2x the US population
- 1/3 live below poverty level
- Life expectancy 8-10 years lower than general population



- Portland IHS Service Area
- No Urban Indian Organizations in state
- 638 Clinics
 - Marimn/Benewah
 - Nimiipuu Health
 - Kootenai Community Health Clinic
- IHS Clinics
 - Not-Soo-Gah-Nee
 - Owyhee Community Health Center



- House Bill 345
 - Integrated Managed Care
 - Work Requirements
 - Eligibility Changes
 - Tribal Exceptions
- Tribal Liaison
 - Required for Managed Care Contracts
 - New position for Idaho Medicaid
- New Tribal Eligibility/Enrollment Number



- Member Education
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Elders Events
- Tribal Provider Handbook
- Tribal Consultation Policy
- Member Handbook
- Department Staff Education
 - New trainings available



- Strengthen the relationship between Idaho Medicaid and the Tribes
- Have a greater community presence
- Resolution of legacy issues
- Alleviate administrative burden on clinic staff



Questions/Comments?