

FACT SHEET

Idaho's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 07-001

Official Program Name: Alternative Cost Sharing/Co-Pays

Date SPA Submitted: March 12, 2007

Date SPA Approved: June 8, 2007

Date SPA Implemented: February 1, 2007

Date SPA Expires: Not Applicable

SUMMARY

On March 12, 2007, the State of Idaho submitted a Cost Sharing SPA which allows the state to implement co-payments for use of hospital emergency departments and ambulance services when the individual does not have an emergency medical condition. Nominal amounts, as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, are collected by providers, based on retrospective records review by the State. No cumulative maximum has been specified by the State.

BENEFITS AND ELIGIBILITY

For ambulance services, co-pays are charged to categorically needy Medicaid eligibles. Populations exempt from making co-payments include all populations excluded under section 1916(a)(2) of the Social Security Act and women eligible under the breast and cervical cancer eligibility group described at section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII).

For services provided in hospital emergency departments, co-pays are charged to categorically needy Medicaid eligibles age 19 or older, except those specifically exempt under section 1916A(e), or prohibited by another provision of Federal law. All hospitals in Idaho that accept Idaho Medicaid, and which have emergency departments, are included in the implementation of the cost-sharing provision.

In addition, those unable to pay the charges are identified by self-declaration, and are not denied services based on inability to pay.

This plan will be beneficial in that it is anticipated to reduce inappropriate use of emergency health care services.