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To: All Medicaid Providers
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Subject: Behavioral Health Respite Services

Idaho Medicaid recently received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to support improved access to short-term or temporary behavioral health care known as respite services.

Effective immediately, behavioral health caregivers who need short-term or temporary care for a youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance will no longer be required to access respite services by first going through the Liberty Healthcare assessment process.

Caregivers seeking these services for youth can contact Magellan Healthcare at 855-202-0973 to request information on how to access these services and locate a provider.

Providers seeking these services for youth can now submit claims to Magellan Healthcare according to requirements in the Magellan Provider Handbook, Appendix C: IBHP Program Services.

Thank you for participating in the Idaho Medicaid program and working with us to ensure members can access the services needed.

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