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## **DHW submits family planning referrals waiver for federal consideration**

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) submitted a section [1115 family planning referrals waiver](#) on Friday afternoon to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The 1115 waiver seeks federal approval to require Medicaid participants to obtain a referral from their primary care provider for family planning items and services. The intent of the demonstration is to determine whether monitoring and knowledge of external family planning services by primary care providers can help achieve better care coordination and improved health outcomes for Medicaid participants.

This waiver is being requested in response to changes in Idaho law during the 2019 legislative session. The proposed effective date for the waiver is January 1, 2020.

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