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Subject: Planned Parenthood

Dear Idaho Legislator,

I have received several inquiries about the Department of Health and Welfare's (DHW) interactions with Planned Parenthood concerning Medicaid and Public Health. Below is a synopsis for your review.

Idaho Division of Medicaid

Planned Parenthood is an Idaho Medicaid provider* that offers gynecological and primary care services for Medicaid participants. Medicaid pays Planned Parenthood only for medically necessary services, which includes office visits, blood tests, immunizations, lab tests, pregnancy tests, contraception and ultrasounds. Planned Parenthood received \$79,693 in state general funds for services provided to Idaho Medicaid participants over a three-year period, from 1/1/2012 through 12/31/2014 (\$26,564/annual avg.).

During this same three-year period, Medicaid paid for two abortions performed by Planned Parenthood, paying a total of \$108 in state funds. Medicaid will only pay for abortions in very rare situations: if there is a threat to the mother's life, or the pregnancy was the result of rape or incest([IDAPA 16.03.09.511](#)).

**All qualified fee-for-service Medicaid providers in Idaho may participate in the Medicaid program at their will. Provisions for "any willing provider" are specified in [IDAPA 16.03.09.200.01](#) and [Section 1902\(a\)\(23\)](#) of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act with clarification in [42 CFR §431.51](#).*

Idaho Division of Public Health

Public Health does not receive or pay for any services from Planned Parenthood. To answer the questions we received:

- Planned Parenthood can provide cervical and breast cancer screenings through the Idaho Women's Health Check cancer screening and diagnostic services program, however, the organization has not provided any screenings and no payments have been made to them.
- Idaho Public Health receives federal grant funding for statewide family planning services, commonly referred to as Title 10. None of the money awarded to Idaho Public Health is paid to Planned Parenthood because they receive their own, separate Title 10 Family Planning grant directly from the federal government.

Please let me know if you have any other questions concerning DHW's interactions with Planned Parenthood. I look forward to working with you in the upcoming legislative session.

Sincerely,

Dick Armstrong, Director, Department of Health and Welfare