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**Ms. Charron and Mr. Beal,**

**This letter serves as Idaho Parents Unlimited's public comment on the discontinuation of the Family Personal Care Service waiver authority with CMS, and response to [Information Release MA24-28](#).**

**As Idaho's Family to Family Health Information Center, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration, our organization exists to promote partnership with families at all levels of health care—individual and policy decision-making levels—to improve health care services and policies for children.**

**Idaho Parents Unlimited supports families by providing them with the resources they need to support their children with disabilities, or special health care needs, as they navigate school and healthcare systems. This includes crafting and sharing their stories for effective advocacy. We recognize that every family, and their circumstances, are unique and require individualized supports. We meet parents where they are and equip them with information that can help them in reaching their goals.**

**We recognize and appreciate the concern surrounding the surge in enrollment the Family as Paid Caregiver Program has experienced. We also acknowledge the Department's stated 10% growth in the number of unduplicated direct care workers that the Department has assisted in recruiting. As an organization that serves**

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families throughout the state of Idaho, we remain concerned and committed to the urgent need of assistance that families in rural and frontier areas experience.

Idaho Parents Unlimited acknowledges the Family Personal Care Services Frequently Asked Questions document that the department has provided for families to know their rights and responsibilities. However, we have trepidation regarding the next steps after the termination of the Family Paid Personal Care Services for Idaho children. Advising families to reconnect with Personal Assistance Agencies for staffing support may result in agencies being unable to hire an adequate number of staff and may leave beneficiaries without the personal care services their children have been found eligible for.

As stewards of children and youth with disabilities and special health care needs, Idaho Parents Unlimited will continue to empower parents to know, and effectively advocate for, their rights and responsibilities surrounding programs and services that affect their children with disabilities or special health care needs.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
Idaho Parents Unlimited