

# Are you an Idahoan who:

- Has a pre-existing condition;
- Currently or previously benefits from Medicaid (especially low-income children, seniors, and Idahoans with disabilities);
- Falls into the health coverage gap?

**Would you be willing to share your story to help protect affordable health coverage for all Idahoans?**

**Call 24/7: 1-844-HELP78K**

**or email [hhagen@jannus.org](mailto:hhagen@jannus.org) to share your story.**

When you call, you will be prompted to leave your name, number, and the city or town where you live in Idaho. Within one-week, a staff member from Close the Gap Idaho will contact you to collect your story. Your information will not be shared without your direct verbal or written consent. Speaking with us about your story takes only 10-20 minutes.

**With your consent, stories could be used:**

- **In communications with elected officials**
- **For earned media through opinion editorials or letters to the editor**
- **In an interview with a reporter**
- **For testimony during public hearings**

**You will be asked for permission every time your story may be used**

Recently Idaho has made huge strides in increasing access to affordable health coverage. Idahoans with pre-existing conditions are protected from higher healthcare costs. More children are insured in Idaho than ever before and essential services are provided through Medicaid for Idahoans with disabilities.

Now, a proposal in Congress would drastically cut Idaho Medicaid causing low-income children, seniors, and adults with disabilities to lose much needed benefits and services. Thousands of Idahoans with pre-existing conditions would experience higher costs with lower quality benefits. Premiums and deductible would increase by 71% by 2020 for the majority of Idahoans. Sharing your story

could help protect Idahoans from these devastating impacts.

Close the Gap Idaho is a network of organizations throughout the state working to protect Idahoans access to healthcare. Find out more at [www.closesthegapidaho.org](http://www.closesthegapidaho.org)

