

# Barriers to Coverage

## SIGN ON LETTER

Dear Legislator,

We, the undersigned organizations and advocates, wish to formally voice our opposition to bureaucratic barriers to Medicaid that will prevent Idahoans from receiving the health coverage they need to take care of themselves and their families. When Proposition 2 passed, 365,107 voters supported healthcare coverage options for their fellow Idahoans who cannot afford or aren't offered healthcare through their job, not for legislation that would create a secondary coverage gap. Recently introduced legislation to change Medicaid expansion and impose administrative hurdles to eligibility would restrict access and effectively ignore the will of Idaho's voters.

New reporting requirements for Medicaid will prevent vulnerable citizens in every corner of the state from receiving the care they need to get and stay healthy. Medicaid makes it possible for Idahoans with medical conditions to hold steady jobs, thrive in their communities, and support their families. Taking coverage away would only make it harder for Idahoans to maintain steady and productive employment. Furthermore, proposed Medicaid restrictions would create additional layers of government bureaucracy and maintain expensive programs that could otherwise be eliminated, draining millions of dollars from the general fund every year at the expense of taxpayers.

What's more, it would be unwise for Idaho to consider legislation that would seek to implement policies that are currently being challenged in the courts. Lawsuits could delay implementation of coverage for Idahoans, increase the cost to administer the Medicaid program and jeopardize the health of countless state residents.

When Arkansas implemented a similar proposal, only 2% of those required to report were able to meet new reporting requirements successfully. As a result, thousands of eligible Arkansas residents lost Medicaid coverage. Idaho could suffer the same consequences, with costly results.

As an alternative to unnecessary barriers to coverage, a recent poll found that 68% of Idahoans favor a less costly work promotion program, which would refer Medicaid participants to job training and education. Work promotion programs have proven successful in other states, including Montana, where program data show increased labor force participation rates among low-income households. 58% of the participants who took part in workforce training saw increased wage earnings by an average of \$8,712 annually.<sup>1</sup>

As legislators, you have the chance to help Idahoans who are juggling the demands of work, caregiving, and their own health. In Idaho, we have the benefit of learning from the experiences of other states who have already expanded their Medicaid programs. We know that the most efficient, cost-effective way to implement Idaho's new Medicaid law is to do so without adding layers of government red tape. Please reject proposed changes to the law passed overwhelmingly by Idaho voters and implement Medicaid expansion.

Sincerely,

<sup>1</sup> Montana Department of Labor & Industry "Help-Link Program 2018 Fiscal Year Report" [http://lmi.mt.gov/Portals/193/Publications/LMI-Pubs/Special%20Reports%20and%20Studies/HELP-Link\\_2018Report.pdf](http://lmi.mt.gov/Portals/193/Publications/LMI-Pubs/Special%20Reports%20and%20Studies/HELP-Link_2018Report.pdf)



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