

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this legislation is to authorize primary care, limited prescriptions, and care coordination to Idaho's eligible population with income levels under 100% of the federal poverty guideline who are not eligible for Medicaid, the Advanced Payment of Tax Credit, and not currently eligible or enrolled in an employer sponsored or other government subsidized health care plan.

This population has historically sought episodic care through clinics providing low cost or free care, or has not sought care until they are seriously ill, which has resulted in high costs to the state through the county indigent and state catastrophic health programs. This population would also benefit from access to community resources to strengthen their self-reliance.

Because of the finite funds available, this program will only cover a limited subgroup of adults and is not comprehensive care.

This legislation would improve the quality of healthcare in Idaho by providing eligible participants with regular preventive primary care and care management for chronic conditions and may reduce the overall demand on emergency rooms and the need for costly hospitalizations. This primary care and care coordination would be provided in a manner that furthers the state's goal to transform Idaho's healthcare system from a volume based, fee-for-service model to a value based system of care through clinics utilizing a care coordination and case management model.

FISCAL NOTE

In FY 2018 there is approximately \$10 million available from the Idaho Millennium Fund to be appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare in the newly created Health Care Assistance Program in the Division of Public Health. In addition, the Department of Health and Welfare needs an appropriation of \$500,000 from the Dedicated Cooperative Welfare Fund to have the authority to spend any donations or contributions received by individuals or other health care partners up to that amount. All donations will be limited to be used for health care costs as appropriated and will not be transferred or used for other purposes. If donations come as expected, the total amount available in FY 2018 may be up to \$10.5 million. In subsequent years funding will be limited to the amount available for appropriation from the Millennium Fund.

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