

Community Hospital and Healthcare Presentation Highlights

Fiscal Notes

- Idaho's community hospitals account for **\$3.12 billion** dollars or **5.8% of Idaho's GSP**.
- Idaho's community hospitals continued to work hard to take care of their communities providing over **\$47 million in charity care**, up \$10 million from the previous year.
- Community hospitals reported over **\$126 million in bad debt**.
- The **unreimbursed care** provided to Idaho patients through Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs like the County Indigent and CAT fund reached **\$202 million**.

Employment

- Over **23,000** people are directly employed by Idaho's community hospitals.
- Hospitals provide quality jobs with an **average salary of \$42,822**. Benefits are provided for a significant majority of all employees – including part-time.
- Payroll from 2009 to 2010 was down approximately 7%.
- When the economic impacts are assessed – **community hospitals account for over 57,000 Idaho jobs**.

Tax Implications

- The overall impact of Idaho's hospitals on property, sales, and excise taxes reached **\$115 million**. Hospitals had a **\$55 million impact on the state's sales tax revenue**.

Looking Forward

- Health Reform
- Integration and coordination of healthcare
- Decreases in reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid
- Slow economic recovery leading to more increases in uninsured, postponement of care, bad debt, greater need for charity care.