

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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In 1994, the Idaho legislature passed an act adding two sections to Title 41, Idaho Code, known as the "any willing provider" provisions. Their purpose was to modify and counterbalance a then-popular movement in health care insurance known as "managed care." The any willing provider sections of Idaho Code authorized health care providers not invited to participate in certain health care provider networks or organizations to enjoy the rights and privileges of such networks and organizations as if they were full members and participants of them, provided that the health care providers were otherwise qualified under Idaho law, desired to become a participant provider, met the requirements of the network or organization, and practiced within the general area served by the network or organization. However, in retrospect, managed care ultimately achieved a small presence in Idaho, if any, and health care practice standards and efficiencies have transformed substantially since 1994. Moreover, health care networks and organizations demonstrating specialties and/or high performance outcomes, differ from the perceived problem the 1994 act sought to rectify, and have become one of the best tools now available which delivers good outcomes at a good price. The 1994 any willing provider sections are no longer relevant to the practice of medicine or health insurance.

FISCAL NOTE

None.

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