

Questions to the Medicaid Eligibility Expansion Workgroup:

1. What are the demographics and the number of individuals who would be included in an expansion population?
2. Is expanding Medicaid in the financial best interests of Idaho?
3. What is the financial impact to Idaho's health care providers with and without expansion?
4. Does expanding Medicaid eligibility improve access to appropriate and necessary health care?
5. What are the health care needs of the Medicaid expansion population?
6. What health care delivery capacity must exist to provide access to an expanded Medicaid population?
7. With the federal funding formula changes beginning in 2014 at 100 percent and decreasing to 90 percent by 2020, what plans would need to be in place to assume responsibility for State matching funds?
8. Is there a way to estimate the future funding needs for the State's 10 percent?
9. To what poverty level, if any change, should Idaho expand its Medicaid eligibility? Are there advantages/disadvantages to setting the poverty level maximum lower than 138 percent?
10. What current programs would be eliminated or reduced if Idaho expands Medicaid eligibility? What would the impact be on the Catastrophic Health Care system?
11. What are the administrative costs of expanding Medicaid eligibility?
12. What administrative costs may decline or be eliminated if Medicaid eligibility is expanded?
13. What State strategies should be pursued, if any, to avoid and/or minimize "crowd out effects" when individuals with commercial insurance drop coverage to obtain Medicaid?
14. How and by whom should coverage be administered if Medicaid eligibility is expanded?
15. What types of outreach strategies should be pursued to enroll individuals if Medicaid eligibility is expanded?
16. If Medicaid eligibility is not expanded is there an option for Idaho to create a program to extend health care services to people who are not eligible for Medicaid or the federal subsidies? How would an alternative option affect the Catastrophic Health Care system?

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