

Health Care Task Force

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Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program

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Medically Indigent

- Definition [Idaho Code Section 31-3502(17)]

"Medically indigent" means any person who is in need of necessary medical services and who, if an adult, together with his or her spouse, or whose parents or guardian if a minor, does not have income and other resources available to him from whatever source sufficient to pay for necessary medical services. Nothing in this definition shall prevent the board and the county commissioners from requiring the applicant and obligated persons to reimburse the county and the catastrophic health care cost program, where appropriate, for all or a portion of their medical expenses, when investigation of their application pursuant to this chapter, determines their ability to do so."

- Not Related to Poverty
- Incident Based
- Present Ability to Pay

What Becomes of the CAT Fund?

OPTION #1 MINOR CHANGES.

- ✓ FY2013 Approp. \$36,532,800
- ✓ FY2014 Initial Budget Estimate \$42,351,384

OPTION #2 INDIGENT PROGRAM REDESIGN

- ✓ Definition: Medically Indigent Idaho Code Chapter 35 Title 31

OPTION #3 MEDICAID EXPANSION

- ✓ What happens to current county indigent/CAT program

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OPTION # 1 STATUS QUO

- **SUNSET OF PCIP** Jan. 1, 2014
- **SUNSET OF THE 5% ADJUSTMENT** June 30, 2013
- **MEDICAL INFLATION** - still a factor

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OPTION # 2

REDESIGN

- **Start from Ground Zero – Repeal and Rewrite**
 - **Some ideas might include.....**
 - **Indigency**
 - **Eligible Necessary Medical Services**
 - **Uniformity & Standardization of System Design**
 - **Claims Processing**
 - **Forms**
 - **Expansion of Utilization Management**

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Option #3 Medicaid Expansion

It is estimated that 90% of those who now qualify for the county program and CAT funding will qualify for Medicaid.

Who are the remaining 10% :

- Undocumented
- Qualified for the exchange subsidies, but choose not to purchase
- Other potential non covered medical services

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Option #3 Expansion

Chapter Remains Intact

Replace current Idaho Code

Chapter 35, Title 31 ?

Repeal current Idaho Code

Chapter 35, Title 31 ?

Policy Makers – The Tough Part

LOOMING POLICY DECISIONS

- **Should Idaho provide a program for those not covered by expansion.**
 - **Should the program pay either medical expenses or premiums for people who don't buy insurance?**
 - **Should Idaho cover undocumented persons?**
 - **Should redefine who and how people become medically indigent?**

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TRANSITION

- **It is estimated that the CAT Fund will need to remain intact for approximately 12-18 months to allow for the case load still out in the pipeline to be processed.**
- **Consideration must also be given to the process that must continue for collection purposes post Medicaid expansion for those monies owed by the client to the counties and state, through lien attachment and reimbursement agreements.**

QUESTIONS