

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS22403

The dual eligible population includes people who are fully eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. Commonly referred to as "dual eligibles," these individuals are among the nation's most chronically ill and costly individuals. Many dual eligibles receive fragmented, poorly coordinated, and disproportionately expensive care as they attempt to navigate the Medicare and Medicaid systems. Dual eligibles comprise just 10 percent of Medicaid enrollees, but 29 percent of Medicaid spending. Idaho Medicaid currently offers a broad array of services through several benefit plans, including the Basic Plan, Enhanced Plan, Home and Community Based (HCBS) Waivers and Medicare-Medicaid Coordinated Plan (MMCP) for dual-eligible individuals. However, a holistic, comprehensive approach to coordinating these extensive Medicaid services is missing.

To comply with the Legislature's direction in House Bill 260 to develop a plan for managed care for dual eligible participants, Idaho Medicaid is developing a plan to improve coordination of Medicare and Medicaid benefits for dual eligibles.

Idaho Code §56-254 needs to be revised in accordance with Idaho Code §56-263 to replace the current language regarding the MMCP benchmark plan to allow for the creation of a Medicaid managed care plan with a focus on the high-cost dual eligible population.

### FISCAL NOTE

This initiative is projected to have no fiscal impact on the state's General Fund.

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