

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24760C3

This proposal establishes a two year cooperative grant program through the Department of Health and Welfare to the Community Health Center Network of Idaho. The purpose of the grant program is 1) to collect demographic and health data on the Idaho gap population (persons under 100% of the federal poverty guidelines), and 2) to provide outreach to and augmentation of primary health care services to the gap population provided through federally qualified health centers throughout the state. The data and augmented service will provide a bridge to recommendations expected to be made by a legislative interim committee to be established to study and make recommendations regarding long term provision of health care to the gap population.

This provides direction to the Director of Health and Welfare to work through the waiver application process of the medicaid system and to establish a legislative interim committee that will ensure negotiations stay within the sideboards set in the bill's language. It is expected that the result of the application will then be available for the 1st Regular Session of the 64th Idaho Legislature for consideration. The application will be focused on those Idahoans who currently fall within the health care gap; those persons under 100% of the federal poverty guidelines.

FISCAL NOTE

The cost of the grants would be \$400,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2017 for the two years of data collection and final report, plus an anticipated \$5 million for each of fiscal years 2017 and 2018 anticipated to come from the Millennium Income Fund.

The cost of the committee is not expected to exceed \$10,000 per year for each year that the committee is convened. The expenses will be paid out of the legislative account.

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