

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1211

BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO THE CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE COST PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION
3 31-3517, IDAHO CODE, TO AUTHORIZE REIMBURSEMENT FOR COUNTY COMMIS-
4 SIONER MEMBERS OF THE CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE COST PROGRAM BOARD AND TO
5 MAKE A CODIFIER'S CORRECTION.

6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 31-3517, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 31-3517. ESTABLISHMENT OF A CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE COST PRO-
10 GRAM. (1) The governing board of the catastrophic health care cost program
11 created by the counties pursuant to a joint exercise of powers agreement,
12 dated October 1, 1984, and serving on June 30, 1991, is hereby continued as
13 such through December 31, 1992, to complete the affairs of the board, to
14 continue to pay for those medical costs incurred by participating counties
15 prior to October 1, 1991, until all costs are paid or the moneys in the cata-
16 strophic health care cost account contributed by participating counties are
17 exhausted, and to pay the balance of such contributions back to the county of
18 origin in the proportion contributed. County responsibility shall be lim-
19 ited to the first eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) per claim. The remainder
20 of the eligible costs of the claim shall be paid by the state catastrophic
21 health care cost program.

22 (2) Commencing October 1, 1991, a catastrophic health care cost program
23 board is hereby established for the purpose of administering the cata-
24 strophic health care cost program. This board shall consist of twelve (12)
25 members, with six (6) county commissioners, one (1) from each of the six (6)
26 districts or regions established by the Idaho association of counties, four
27 (4) members of the legislature, with one (1) each being appointed by the
28 president pro tempore of the senate, the leader of the minority party of the
29 senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the leader of the
30 minority party of the house of representatives, one (1) member appointed by
31 the director of the department and one (1) member appointed by the governor.

32 (a) The county commissioner members shall be elected by the county com-
33 missioners of the member counties of each district or region, with each
34 board of county commissioners entitled to one (1) vote. The process
35 and procedures for conducting the election and determining the members
36 shall be determined by the board itself, except that the election must
37 be conducted, completed and results certified by December 31 of each
38 year in which an election for members is conducted. The board recog-
39 nized in subsection (1) of this section shall authorize and conduct the
40 election in 1991.

41 (b) The term of office of a member shall be two (2) years, commencing
42 on January 1 next following election or appointment, except that for

1 commissioner members elected in 1991, the commissioner members from
2 districts or regions 1, 3 and 5 shall serve for a term of one (1) year,
3 and the commissioner members from districts or regions 2, 4 and 6 shall
4 serve for a term of two (2) years. Members may be reelected or reap-
5 pointed. Election or appointment to fill vacancies shall be for the
6 balance of the unexpired term.

7 (c) The board shall have an executive committee consisting of the
8 chair, vice-chair, secretary and such other members of the board as
9 determined by the board. The executive committee may exercise such au-
10 thority as may be delegated to it by the board between meetings.

11 (d) The member appointed by the governor shall be reimbursed as pro-
12 vided in section 59-509(b), Idaho Code, from the catastrophic health
13 care cost account.

14 (e) County commissioner members of the board shall be reimbursed as
15 provided in section 59-509(b), Idaho Code, from the catastrophic health
16 care cost account.

17 (3) The board shall meet at least once each year at the time and place
18 fixed by the chair. Other necessary meetings may be called by the chair by
19 giving notice as may be required by state statute or rule. Notice of all
20 meetings shall be given in the manner prescribed by law.

21 (4) Except as may otherwise be provided, a majority of the board consti-
22 tutes a quorum for all purposes and the majority vote of the members voting
23 shall constitute the action of the board. The secretary of the board shall
24 take and maintain the minutes of board proceedings. Meetings shall be open
25 and public except the board may meet in closed session to prepare, approve
26 and administer applications submitted to the board for approval by the re-
27 spective counties.

28 (5) At the first meeting of the board in January of each year, the board
29 shall organize by electing a chair, a vice-chair, a secretary and such other
30 officers as desired.

31 ~~(6) catastrophic health care cost~~ All moneys received or expended by
32 the program shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant des-
33 ignated by the governing board, who shall furnish a copy of such audit to the
34 director of legislative services.

35 (7) The board shall submit a request to the governor and the legislature
36 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 35, title 67, Idaho Code, for an
37 appropriation for the maintenance and operation of the catastrophic health
38 care cost program.