



Medicaid Expansion

Idaho Council on Indian Affairs

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Idaho Proposition Two

- ▶ Ballot Initiative was passed on November 16, 2018 and officially became law on November 20, 2018
- ▶ Establishes Idaho Code §56-267
- ▶ Adds healthcare coverage under Medicaid State Plan for adults
 - ▶ Ages 19 – 65
 - ▶ With Modified Adjusted Gross Income up to 133% of the federal poverty level
 - ▶ Provides access to Medicaid Basic Benefit Plan
- ▶ Department of Health and Welfare must submit necessary State Plan Amendments within 90 days of approval



What's next for implementation

- ▶ State plan amendments will be submitted by 2/18 (President's Day)
- ▶ Funding needs to be authorized by the legislature
- ▶ Governor's budget includes \$196M for expansion
- ▶ The legislature may approve the governor's budget or could take other approaches to funding
- ▶ Once funding is appropriated our efforts will kick into high gear
- ▶ We are targeting January 2020 for the date coverage begins



Potential Financial Impact to Idaho

- ▶ The Department requested Milliman to conduct an actuarial study to analyze cost impact
 - ▶ Estimates an annual cost to the state of about \$45 million
 - ▶ Implementation will generate about \$40 million in state and local fund offsets
 - ▶ Single year costs will vary from year to year
 - ▶ Projected 10-year cost estimate in state funds is 105.1 million, once costs and savings are accounted for
 - ▶ State fund match: 10%
 - ▶ Federal fund match: 90%



State and Local Offsets

- ▶ Idaho has state and local programs that assist with medical needs for people currently not covered by Medicaid
- ▶ Medicaid expansion increases the number of people covered by Medicaid, reducing individuals covered by state and local programs
- ▶ Financial impact estimates assume there would be savings from reductions to the following state and local programs
 - ▶ Local and State Catastrophic Health Care Cost (CAT) fund offsets
 - ▶ Reduced hospitalization costs for the Idaho Department of Corrections
 - ▶ Offsets from other Department of Health and Welfare behavioral health services



Department Implementation Planning

- ▶ The eligibility process will remain unchanged, however implementation will require changes to the automated eligibility system
 - ▶ Implementation would require changes to Medicaid Management and Information System (DXC – formerly Molina)
 - ▶ Modifications to the financial system used to receive federal payments for each participant will be needed
 - ▶ Approval of state plan amendment and other related changes by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
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Medicaid State Plan and Waiver Amendments

- ▶ Medicaid must submit multiple amendments to the State Plan and 1915(b) waivers to implement expansion
- ▶ These amendments will include:
 - ▶ Adding the Adult Group as a covered eligibility group within the Basic and Enhanced Alternative Benefit Plans (ABP's)
 - ▶ Adding the Adult Group as a covered eligibility group within our 1915(b) managed care waivers for behavioral health and dental services
 - ▶ Amending the State Plan to add the Adult Group as a covered population
 - ▶ Amending State Plan for eligibility processes and procedures to add the Adult Group



Medicaid State Plan and Waiver Amendments

- ▶ Upcoming amendment (con't):
 - ▶ Adding a new section to the State Plan to describe operational procedures for determining eligibility to secure the 90/10 federal matching rate for the Adult Group
 - ▶ Other State Plan changes, as determined through consultation with CMS
- ▶ The Department is in regular discussion with CMS regarding our upcoming amendments on a biweekly basis
- ▶ The Department intends to submit these amendments to CMS on or before February 19, 2019



Medicaid Expansion for Idaho Tribal Members

- ▶ Medicaid expansion enrollment forecast is approximately 91,000 adults
- ▶ Indians make up about 2% of the total Medicaid population;
- ▶ Rough math suggests 1,800 – 1,900 new participants from tribes will be eligible under expansion
- ▶ The application process for new enrollees will remain the same
- ▶ Current federal requirements related to tribal exemptions and choice will remain in place
- ▶ Some impact for tribal clinics



Idaho Tribal Representative Input

- ▶ The Department had initial discussion with Tribal Representatives on Medicaid Expansion at the November Medicaid Quarterly Tribal Meeting
- ▶ Tribal notice regarding the submission of State Plan and Waiver Amendments was issued on December 17, 2018
- ▶ Opportunities for continued Tribal input:
 - ▶ Tribal Notice Comment period for input and concerns ends January 16, 2019
 - ▶ Medicaid Quarterly Tribal Meeting: February 20, 2019 in Boise
 - ▶ Comments and requests for information may be sent to George Gutierrez, Deputy Administrator for Policy at george.gutierrez@dhw.idaho.gov



Expansion and the Health Insurance Marketplace

- ▶ Individuals, with incomes between 100% and 133% FPL with coverage through Your Health Idaho will become eligible for Medicaid coverage
- ▶ The Department will work with Your Health Idaho to coordinate changes for the 2020 plan year
- ▶ Until then it is business as usual for Your Health Idaho coverage for 2019



Questions?



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