



June 12, 2023

Ryan Langrill

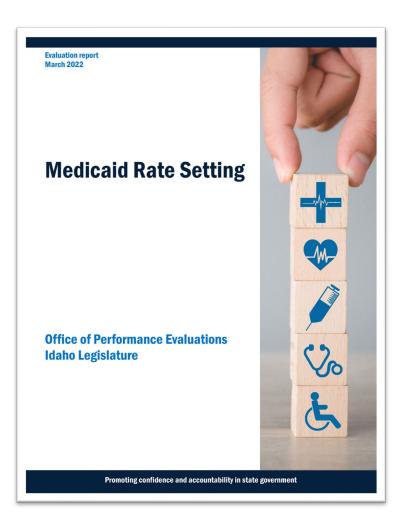
Review of OPE's Medicaid reports

The Office of Performance Evaluations has completed 5 reports with recommendations about Medicaid since 2011.

Delays in Medicaid Claims Processing Evaluation Report March 2011 Office of Performance Evaluations Idaho Legislature Evaluation Section Idaho Legislature		Relation operated as a second		<image/> <image/> <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text></text>
		Promoting conductore and accountability in state guaranteet		Texandiguentifiere ad encoulding indee portions of it Advances, it and it Price from the Depresent advances or weighter advances
	Robustion report. Ment 2022		February 2023	
	Medicaid Rate Setting		Sustainability of Idaho's Direct Care Workforce	
	Office of Performance Evaluations Idaho Legislature		Office of Performance Evaluations Idaho Legislature	



These reports document long-standing deficits in Medicaid's management capacity.

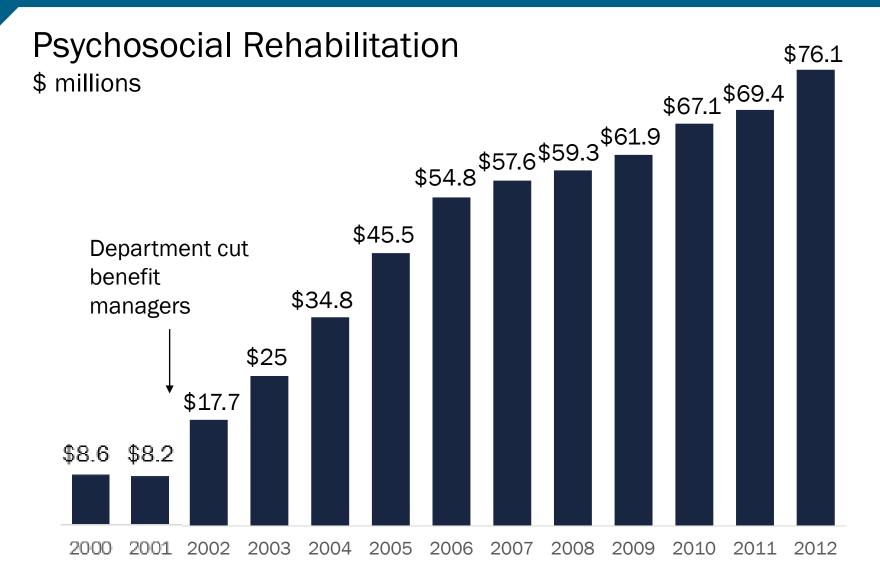




We found Medicaid lacked the management capacity to conduct timely and adequate rate reviews.



Benefit management and design



of vertormance right nion

Benefit management and design

Drug testing costs

Lack of access and quality metrics driving rate review process





Clear communication and stakeholder buy-in

Medical Care Advisory Committee

State- and federally- required committee of medical professionals, policymakers, and advocates meant to be primary citizen interface with Medicaid policy

"The annual report of the Advisory Committee should be an important public document, looked forward to by the public, the professions, and by the consumers."



Clear communication and stakeholder buy-in

Goals of Idaho Behavioral Health Plan

Lack of pilot testing for new claims system





Contract design and oversight

Non-emergency medical transportation RFP

Outpatient-only behavioral health managed care

Incomplete performance measures





Adapting knowledge and skills to new policies

Behavioral health plan RFP

Outpatient APC payment





Idaho's safety net programs lack good stewardship.



Idaho's old age and disability assistance programs predate Medicaid.



Medicaid has not shown an ability to credibly commit to strategic initiatives.



New initiatives received priority over successful implementation of existing ones.



The Legislature should not expect dynamic management without investment.



Medicaid has 17 fewer positions than it did in 2009.



September Joint Legislative Oversight Committee meeting



The Legislature should decide how much Medicaid administration it wishes to control or delegate and invest accordingly.



Medicaid should identify its most urgent staffing needs and include a request for the 2023 legislative session.



Hospital rates



House of Representatives STATE OF IDAHO CAPITOL BUILDING PC. BOX 83720 BOISE, ID 83720-0038

March 21, 2023

New payment method for FY22 better allows comparison

What does Idaho Medicaid pay compared to Medicare and other state Medicaid programs?

Rep. David M. Cannon, Co-Chair Sen. Melissa Wintrow, Co-Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee

Dear Co-Chairs,

Starting fiscal year 2022, the Division of Medicaid changed the way it paid for most inpatient hospitalization. Instead of a cost-based reimbursement model, where the division would pay hospitals based on their costs, the division now pays hospitals using a diagnosis-related grouping (DRG) method. Instead of paying for each separate element of a patient's stay, the division makes a single payment based on the DRG of the patient's stay. This method standardizes payment among hospitals.

DRG payment is common among Medicare and state Medicaid programs. According to the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC), as of November 2018, 37 states used DRGs.

This standardized categorization and payment method opens up the possibility for meaningful comparisons of Idaho's Medicaid hospital utilization and spending to Medicare and other state Medicaid programs.

We ask the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee to direct the Office of Performance Evaluations to evaluate the following aspects of Idaho's Medicaid hospital payment.

What do you want to know about hospital rates?





Background research

Rakesh Mohan rmohan@ope.Idaho.gov

Ryan Langrill rlangrill@ope.ldaho.gov