

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE TO APPLY AND IMPLEMENT COST-SHARING WAIVERS.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho desires to assist Idaho families in receiving assistance and developing financial resilience; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has existing cost-sharing plans that could be improved upon as Idaho's cost-sharing is below the level allowable under law and many other states have developed more effective cost-sharing plans; and

WHEREAS, effective cost-sharing helps to direct care in the most appropriate way and assists families in preparing for traditional marketplace coverage; and

WHEREAS, Idaho citizens suffer from the financial cliff of crossing the federal poverty limit threshold and are unfairly forced to choose between better pay and losing coverage; and

WHEREAS, some Idaho citizens prefer the choice of private sector plans but qualify for Medicaid coverage and therefore are ineligible for premium assistance and other states have developed acceptable options that assist in transitioning between Medicaid coverage, marketplace plans, or employer sponsored plans; and

WHEREAS, developing appropriate cost-sharing and work requirements allows the state's financial resources to stretch to more recipients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature requests that the Department of Health and Welfare implement a cost-sharing approach at least to the levels developed by other states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that the Department of Health and Welfare develop work requirements similar to the states of Georgia and Arkansas, which requirements have been acceptable to the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that the Department of Health and Welfare apply for the necessary waivers to allow those between 100% and 138% of the federal poverty limit to choose between Medicaid and private sector plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that the Department of Health and Welfare's efforts be regularly reported to the germane committees of the Idaho Legislature.