

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This joint memorial to the President and U.S. Congress reaffirms the Idaho Legislature's commitment to placing critical sideboards on the Medicaid program. In 2019 the Legislature enacted four (4) modifications of the federal program with an eye toward restraining costs and improving health care services for recipients. It directed the Department of Health & Welfare to seek waiver approval for the modifications from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Those petitions were duly submitted by the Department of Health & Welfare by the fall of 2019. Yet the federal government has yet to provide the State of Idaho with an official response. This memorial seeks to gain the new Administration's help in securing approval for the four waivers.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to this memorial per se, though we expect substantial savings to taxpayers from the Medicaid program should the federal government allow Idaho to make these important program modifications.

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