



# SHARE

Your Story

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## Make a Difference

Are you one of the 78,000<sup>1</sup> Idahoans who fall into the healthcare “coverage gap”?

Would you be willing to share your story to help close the gap?

Call 24/7: 1-844-HELP78K

Email: [hhagen@jannus.org](mailto:hhagen@jannus.org)

When you call, you will be prompted to leave your name, number, and the city or town where you live in Idaho. A Close the Gap Idaho staff member will contact you to collect your story.

Your information will not be shared without your direct verbal or written consent. Story collection takes between 10-20 minutes.

With your consent stories may be used:

- In communications with lawmakers
- For earned media through opinion editorials or letters to the editor
- For testimony during public hearings

*You will be asked for permission every time your story may be used.*

## What is the Gap?

Those who fall into the coverage gap make too little to qualify for premium assistance in the state health care exchange and make too much to qualify for Medicaid. They also don't have an employer sponsored health plan available to them.

This leaves 78,000<sup>1</sup> Idahoans without affordable health coverage. However, the “coverage gap” could be closed by the Idaho Legislature.

Doing so would save the state and counties millions of dollars while saving lives.



*Close the Gap Idaho is a network of organizations throughout the state working to close Idaho's coverage gap through supporting passage of a complete solution to the coverage gap.*

Find out more at [www.closesthegapidaho.org](http://www.closesthegapidaho.org)

<sup>1</sup> Estimates of the number of Idahoans in the gap vary based on data sources and methodology. An actuarial firm commissioned by the state of Idaho, Milliman, Inc., estimated a ceiling for the number of Idahoans in the gap at 78,000 in 2014. The study has not been updated, but the improved employment rates and economic trends would support that the number of individuals in this income bracket is likely fewer than when the study was conducted. Recent census data indicate the number of uninsured adults under the federal poverty level in Idaho is between 51,000 and 62,000. Data from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare indicate the number of Idahoans in the coverage gap is about 55,000.