

# HEALTHY IDAHO PLAN



Closing the Coverage Gap in Idaho

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We believe that access to proper and affordable healthcare is a basic human right. Unfortunately, **78,000 Idahoans fall into the coverage gap** - they do not qualify for Medicaid and earn too little to qualify for insurance on the exchange. These individuals and their families are needlessly suffering due to lack of proper healthcare, often delaying treatment until it becomes an issue for the most expensive place to receive care – the emergency room. Cancers are going undiagnosed until it is too late to intervene; mental illnesses are left untreated because medications are too costly; and families are facing huge medical bills and spiraling into debt.

<b>By Passing the Healthy Idaho Plan, Idaho Can:</b>
<b>Focus our Resources</b>
By saving <b>\$173 Million</b> in state and local budgets
<b>Build our Prosperity</b>
By generating <b>\$700 Million</b> in new economic activity
<b>Expand our Workforce</b>
By creating <b>15,000 Jobs</b> throughout the state
<b>Save our Lives</b>
By preventing <b>200 Deaths</b> in Idaho each year*

The Healthy Idaho Plan provides Idaho with an opportunity to close the coverage gap and reform our healthcare system. In the first year alone, the Healthy Idaho Plan will save hundreds of lives, create thousands of jobs and save the state and counties millions of tax dollars. Closing the gap is the right choice for businesses, our economy and most importantly, it will alleviate suffering and enhance the quality of life in Idaho.

*“The credibility of a healthcare system is not measured solely by efficiency, but above all by the attention and love given to the person, whose life is always sacred.”*

*- Pope Francis*

It is our moral responsibility to make certain that human life is protected and the basic needs of every person are fulfilled. We must come together as faithful citizens to promote love and compassion in our healthcare system and demand that special attention be paid to the basic health needs of the poor and marginalized. **Learn more about the coverage gap in Idaho and what you can do to support the effort: [www.closesthegapidaho.org](http://www.closesthegapidaho.org).**

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