



# Idaho Medical Association

## IMA Physicians Support the Healthy Idaho Plan

- **Close the Coverage Gap:** 78,000 Idahoans fall into the Gap, meaning they do not qualify for traditional Medicaid coverage, but earn too little to qualify for health insurance exchange subsidies.
  - Two-thirds of the Gap population are employed full time, but they earn less than 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL), which is \$11,770.
- **Healthy Idaho Plan:** A public/private hybrid approach that provides coverage to Idahoans under 100% FPL with a Medicaid managed care plan, and helps those earning 100-138% FPL to purchase private insurance through the Your Health Idaho state health insurance exchange.
  - HIP will better utilize local and state funding, plus leverage our federal tax dollars back into Idaho to provide a system that saves lives and actually saves the state money in the long run.
- **Healthy Idaho Plan Saves Lives:** Expanding access to health coverage in Idaho could save between 76-179 lives per year, and thousands more would avoid unnecessary pain and suffering.
  - National research has shown a real correlation between lack of access to health care and preventable deaths.
- **Healthy Idaho Plan Saves Money:** Idaho could save \$100 million over the next ten years by eliminating current county and state programs that are costly and inefficient, and do not adequately address the health care needs of the uninsured.
  - HIP would create approximately 15,000 new jobs in its first year and not just in health care. Idaho would see more than \$700 million in new economic activity as a result of bringing our federal tax dollars back to our state.
- **Alternatives to HIP Fall Short & Cost Idaho More:** An alternative to HIP is being discussed, but the services provided are only a drop in the bucket of the full health coverage that all Idahoans deserve under HIP. Even worse, the alternative plan would increase Idaho's costs to \$86 million per year, instead of generating cost savings.
- **Support the Healthy Idaho Plan!** HIP provides real solutions to covering the uninsured in our state and will prevent unnecessary suffering and death of Idaho citizens. Plus it will ultimately save Idaho millions in tax dollars and generate millions more in economic activity and growth. It's the right thing to do!