



Council Meeting

January 14, 2021 from 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm (MST)

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| 12:30 pm | Welcome, Guest Introductions, Review Guest Protocol - Emily Petersen, Council Chair |
| 12:35 pm | Review Ground Rules – DR Reff, Vice-Chair |
| 12:40 pm | KW Lawsuit Update – Matt Wimmer, Medicaid Division Administrator, Department of Health & Welfare |
| 1:15 pm | Break |
| 1:20 pm | Cares Act Funding for Direct Care Workforce - Matt Wimmer, Medicaid Division Administrator, Department of Health & Welfare |
| 1:40 pm | Protecting the Medicaid Budget - Christine Tiddens, Director, Idaho Voices for Children |
| 2:00 pm | Break |
| 2:10 pm | Review Fact Sheet – Richelle Tierney, Policy Analyst |
| 2:30 pm | Practice for Legislative Meetings - Richelle Tierney, Policy Analyst |
| 3:00 pm | Questions & Answers |
| 3:15 pm | Executive Director Evaluation Information – Emily Petersen, Council Chair |
| 3:30 pm | Adjourn |

***Items in teal are considered “ACTION ITEMS” that may require a decision or a vote by membership.**

This agenda is subject to change in accordance with the provisions of the Idaho Open Meeting Law. Items may be addressed in a different order than appears on this agenda. Individual items may be moved from one place on the agenda to another by the Council. Time frames designated on this agenda are approximate only. The Council will continue its business if an agenda item is resolved in less than the allotted time.

The mission of the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities is to promote the capacity of people with developmental disabilities and their families to determine, access, and direct the services and supports they need to live the lives they choose, and to build the community’s ability to support their choices.

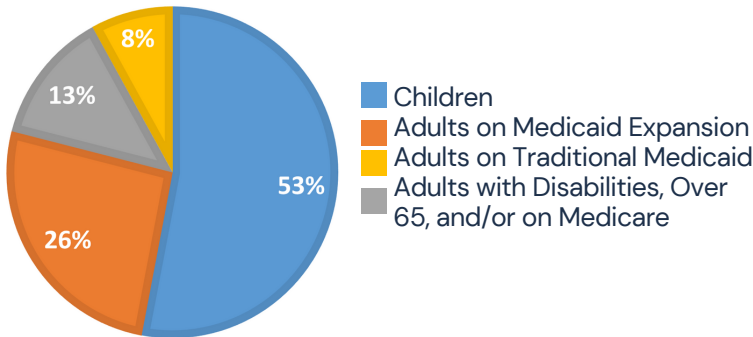


Proposed Medicaid Budget Cuts

A global pandemic is not the time to cut health care to citizens. Idahoans, more than ever, need the health care assistance that Medicaid provides.

Background

- Medicaid provides almost 400,000 Idahoans access to healthcare.



- Medicaid Expansion provides healthcare to 95,000 Idaho adults. Many have lost jobs during COVID-19 and have unmet medical conditions. In Fiscal Year 2022:

- Traditional Medicaid is projected to cost the state **\$1.1 B**
- Medicaid expansion is projected to cost the state **\$90 M**



COVID-19 federal relief dollars offset costs and allow flexibility in how services are provided. In Fiscal Year 2021:

- Strong revenues: **\$630 M** surplus
- Federal aid: **\$9 B** to Idaho
- Increased FMAP: **+105 M** to Idaho



\$56M
returned to
general fund

The Idaho Division of Medicaid is required by law to return surplus funds back to the state general fund.

Issue

- The Idaho Legislature is seeking to contain costs in the Medicaid budget. Medicaid presented to the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) three possible ways to cut **\$30** million from the state budget.



Reduce Rates

- Providers like doctors, dentists, behavioral health clinicians, and those who do not rely solely on Medicaid
- Does not include Home and Community Based Services providers paid by Medicaid to support people with disabilities



Reduce or Limit benefits

- Adult dental health, adult podiatry, adult chiropractic services, and weight management practices



Increase Provider Tax

- Increase provider taxes to hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and ICF/ID's

Prioritize health care for citizens during a public health crisis!