



Idaho State Senate

SENATOR JULIE VANORDEN

Senator Chuck Winder
President Pro Tem
Senate

January 31, 2023

President Pro Tem,

Pursuant to Idaho Code §56-267 (7), we, your Committee on Health and Welfare are required to make a recommendation to the legislature as to whether Medicaid expansion should remain in effect.

The committee has grave concerns about the cost sustainability of the current program, but they do realize that the outcomes of stopping it at this point would not be in the best interest of Idahoans. This committee's recommendation is that it should stay in effect with the following caveats:

- The continuation of Medicaid Expansion must be re-evaluated by the Health and Welfare committees of the Idaho Legislature in 2025. We also request that a report on the implementation of the following requests be given to the legislative committees during the 2024 legislative session.

The Department of Health and Welfare will be responsible for the following:

- Complete the redetermination process as quickly and efficiently as possible, it was reported in the joint hearing that September 2023 would be the end of this process.
- Focus on health and wellness efforts and work with providers to incentivize effective prevention through managed care.
- Continue the process for requesting federal waivers for, but not limited to:
 - Required employment
 - Allowing certain individuals the option of utilizing either the insurance exchange or Medicaid
- Continue to review cost drivers and identify potential savings through regulatory reduction, utilization and value/outcomes-based models.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie VanOrden".

Julie VanOrden
Chairman
Senate Health and Welfare Committee