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Primary Care Access Program

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Today's Topics

1. Primary Care Access (PCA)

- **Based on medical home model funded 100% by state funds**

2. Political landscape

Primary Care Access (PCA)

- **Enroll an estimated 78,581 adults ages 19-64 years under 100% FPL in a health home**
- **Pay primary care providers willing to provide primary care management services**
- **Providers must offer:**
 - **Sliding fee for services, based on income**
 - **Access to other discounted services if available**



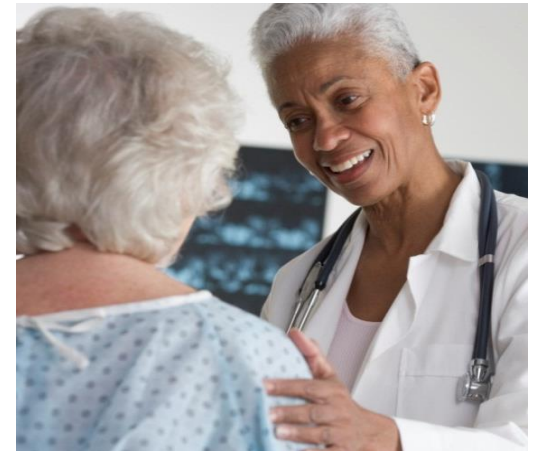
Primary Care Access

Available Services	Not Covered
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary care• Care management• Limited pharmacy• Limited mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hospital stays• Emergency rooms• Full pharmacy• Specialist care

- **Provides basic primary care, including an opportunity to integrate behavioral healthcare with state clinics to reduce mental health holds and jail recidivism**
- **County/state indigent programs must continue for “Not Covered” services outside of the Primary Care Access umbrella**

Primary Care Access Advantages

- **Idaho controls: Not health coverage nor an entitlement program**
- **Reduces, but does not eliminate, costs to county and state indigent programs**
- **Provides access to a medical home for routine primary care & care coordination**
- **Provides basic coordinated and integrated behavioral health to our most vulnerable adults**
- **Expectation of patient accountability with sliding fee requirement**
- **Fewer hospitalizations due to chronic conditions**
- **Healthier, more productive workforce**



Priorities to Develop An Idaho Solution

- **No federal strings: An all-Idaho product that is not an entitlement program**
- **Complete control of eligibility**
 - **Require sliding fee/cost sharing**
 - **Focus on primary care, prevention and management of chronic conditions**
 - **Utilize private sector for services**
 - **Work activity requirements**
 - **Funded through dedicated funds**



Political Landscape

- **Policy makers not showing support for Healthy Idaho Plan as a viable legislative solution**
- **Healthy Idaho Plan would require strong grassroots support from business sector**
- **Governor testing legislative interest in Primary Care Access**
- **Both the Healthy Idaho Plan and Primary Care Access warrant a thorough discussion in the upcoming 2016 Legislative session**





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