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Idaho Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP)

In March, 2013 Idaho received a federal grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to develop a Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP). Sponsored by Governor Otter, this six month planning grant was an exciting opportunity for Idaho to begin to design a new healthcare system.

Stakeholder input and work groups were at the core of the SHIP model design process. Four work groups were engaged over a period of months and met regularly. Local Public Health was able to participate in two of the workgroups. The purpose of each work group was:

- ◇ **Multi-payer Strategies:** Propose payment models for the new healthcare delivery system that promotes value (positive health outcomes) versus volume.
- ◇ **Network Structures:** Propose a community care network model to support medical home integration with other aspects of the healthcare system to improve health outcomes and access through care management and care coordination across an integrated system.

- ◇ **Clinical Quality Improvement (CQI):** Propose standard, evidence-based guidelines for clinic practice and disease management strategies to address patient population needs, including high-risk and high-cost patient populations statewide.
- ◇ **Health Information Technology (HIT):** Propose a strategy for developing a statewide HIT system that permits the analysis of clinical quality and utilization data throughout the healthcare system.

These work groups concluded their work in November and a final report was sent to the Governor. Once this planning grant is completed, Idaho will be eligible to apply to CMS for a Model Testing Grant which would invest significant funding in implementation and testing of the newly developed model. For more information on the SHIP planning process, click on the link below.

<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/StateHealthcareInnovationPlan/tabid/2282/Default.aspx>

Idaho Health Insurance Exchange

The Idaho Health Insurance Exchange (Your Health Idaho) asked Idaho's Public Health Districts to contract with them as one of their Consumer Connector Program entities. The Public Health Districts have service delivery access in all 44 counties in Idaho. Therefore, it made sense to have the Public Health Districts as one of the places for consumers to receive information and assistance about their insurance plan options through the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange. Many of the people served by public health districts are under or uninsured, i.e., the very people that may be eligible for tax subsidies through the insurance marketplace.

Twenty-five In Person Assisters located in each of the seven public health districts are providing assistance to Idaho citizens through the Consumer Connector Program. Each of the In Person Assisters received 20 hours of training, were certified through the Exchange, and had to successfully pass a criminal history check. The first two months of the program did not produce good results because of the problems with the HealthCare.Gov Federal web site. However, now that the system is working better, we are having good success in helping those in need of this service.

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