

# Proposition 2: Bringing Medicaid Expansion to Idaho

## What is Proposition 2?

Proposition 2 is a ballot initiative to expand Medicaid coverage to people under 65 with incomes at or below **133%** of the federal poverty level, starting in 2020. It is intended to close the 'coverage gap' for people who cannot afford health insurance on their own, but currently do not qualify for Medicaid.

## Who would benefit?

### Hard-working Idahoans



If Proposition 2 passes, as many as **91,000** Idahoans would gain coverage.

As of 2016, **168,000** people in Idaho were uninsured.

If Proposition 2 passes, many of the estimated **30,000** or more people with mental illness or substance use disorder in Idaho who have incomes below 138% of the federal poverty level and are uninsured would gain access to critical community-based services and supports.

### Critical Access Hospitals and Rural Communities

It is projected that Medicaid expansion would bring **\$179 million** in new federal funds to Idaho in 2020, with that number rising to **\$370 million** by 2021 and would create over **5,000** new jobs in the state.



Medicaid expansion has also been shown to be particularly beneficial in rural communities, which make up almost **33%** of Idaho's population.



Not only does it help more residents in rural areas gain health coverage, but Medicaid expansion also provides much-needed funds to the **27** critical access hospitals in Idaho, which provide the only source of hospital care in the rural areas where they operate.

**On November 6, support  
your fellow Idahoans and  
vote YES on Prop 2!**