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!