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**Legislative Update for Idaho Medicaid Expansion  
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**Medicaid Expansion Enrollment**

District	Expansion Clients
1	1,419
2	1,098
3	1,446
4	1,200
5	850
6	806
7	1,239
8	1,242
9	1,248
10	1,788
11	1,396
12	1,699
13	1,326
14	877
15	1,215
16	1,534
17	1,563
18	882
19	1,006
20	851
21	925
22	1,148
23	1,121
24	1,533
25	1,587
26	878
27	1,117
28	1,332
29	1,674
30	1,256
31	1,177
32	1,130
33	1,985
34	2,310
35	1,234
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>45,094</b>

The Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) began accepting applications for Medicaid Expansion on November 1, 2019. Coverage for eligible individuals will begin Jan. 1, 2020. As of December 3, 45,094 individuals have been determined eligible for Medicaid Expansion. Current enrollment is on track with our actuarial analysis, which projected 91,000 Idaho adults will be eligible for Medicaid Expansion. **Left is information related to the number of individuals who have enrolled as of Dec. 3, 2019, by Legislative District.**

Individuals can apply for Medicaid in a local field office, online, over the phone, or by mailing an application to the Department of Health and Welfare. DHW verifies all household income and information prior to determining eligibility. Individuals also have an opportunity to select a primary care provider at the time of application.

**Status of state plan amendments and waivers**

**State Plan Amendments (SPA)**

**Expansion State Plan Amendments:** On November 14, DHW received all the approval letters from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for **four critical Medicaid state plan amendments**. Receipt of these approvals enables the department to move forward on schedule with its planned rollout of Medicaid expansion to eligible adults between the ages of 19-64 on Jan. 1, 2020.

**Support Act State Plan Amendment:** A SPA for SUPPORT Act coverage was submitted to CMS on September 30. This amendment will allow IMD coverage for people with substance use disorders but not for people who only have serious mental illness. SUPPORT Act funding is available through a state plan option rather than a waiver. Medicaid requested approval from CMS on September 30 for that coverage to be effective Jan. 1, 2020.

**Waivers:** Implementation of SB1204 required four waivers to be filed with CMS and CCIIO.

- 1. Coverage Choice Waiver:** To allow Idahoans the choice to maintain their private insurance and a tax credit rather than enrolling in Medicaid, a 1332 Waiver was required. The waiver was submitted on July 15, 2019, The Department of Insurance (DOI) received a letter from CMS on August 29 stating that the 1332 Coverage Choice waiver the waiver was incomplete. This waiver remains a high priority for Idaho, and Idaho is currently taking steps to submit additional information required by CMS so that our application can be fully considered on its merits. **A new waiver submission will require changes to the original approach to coverage choice in order to meet the guardrails of a 1332 waiver.**
- 2. Work Requirements Waiver:** This waiver requires that individuals are working at least 20 hours a week as a condition of being eligible for Medicaid, DHW submitted the 1115 Waiver to CMS on September 27, and we received an "application complete" letter on October 3. **The department is currently meeting with CMS weekly on the details of this waiver with the goal of getting approval as soon as possible.**
- 3. Family Planning Services Waiver:** This waiver will require individuals seeking family planning services to have a referral from their assigned medical home if the family planning service provider is outside the patient's established medical home. DHW submitted the waiver to CMS on October 21 and received an "application complete" letter on October 28. **The department is currently meeting with CMS weekly on the details of this waiver with a goal of getting approval as soon as possible.**
- 4. IMD Waiver:** This waiver would allow individuals with Medicaid coverage to receive inpatient treatment for mental health and substance use disorders in a freestanding psychiatric hospital. These services are currently only available when rendered in the psychiatric

unit of a full-service hospital. **This waiver was released for public comment on November 22.**

DHW staff continues to have weekly informal conversations with the governor's office and our federal partners to make sure the implementation of the 1332 and 1115 waivers continue as requested by the Legislature.

For more information on Idaho Medicaid expansion:  
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