

PROVIDER ALERT Medicaid Expansion

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What you need to know: This alert details some resources made available by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to stakeholders seeking more information on Medicaid Expansion.

Dear Provider,

In November 2018, voters passed a proposition to expand Medicaid in Idaho. The goal of Medicaid expansion is to provide Medicaid coverage to individuals with incomes up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level. Optum Idaho is working with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) Division of Medicaid (Medicaid), State agencies, and other stakeholders to ensure a smooth implementation for all newly eligible Idahoans and Optum network providers. This alert details some resources from IDHW for stakeholders seeking more information on Medicaid Expansion.

Eligibility Trainings

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has upcoming trainings designed to provide general information about Medicaid Expansion, how you can use the Partner Data Access Portal (PDAP) to determine your customers' enrollment in a Medicaid program, how you can support your customer in applying using the idalink portal, and how customers can select a primary care provider using Healthy Connections on Live Better Idaho.

The trainings will take place via live webinar, and a recording of the training will be available within a week after the training at <u>medicaidexpansion.idaho.gov</u>.

| Training | Date | Time |
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| Healthcare professionals | September 10, 2019 | 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. MST |
| Community support organizations | September 11, 2019 | 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. MST |
| Case managers | September 17, 2019 | 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. MST |

Listening Session

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is inviting all interested providers and stakeholders to participate in the second of a series of Medicaid Expansion Provider Listening Sessions focused on Medicaid expansion for providers to be held **September 10, 2019; 3:30 – 4:30 PM Mountain Standard Time (MST)**. The listening session is an opportunity for providers and stakeholders to ask questions and to share input for the Department to consider as it implements Medicaid expansion.

Medicaid Expansion Website

Finally, please visit the IDHW's Medicaid Expansion website, <u>medicaidexpansion.idaho.gov</u>, regularly for updates and communications about Medicaid Expansion. This site contains provider and consumer FAQs, news releases, and other pertinent information for stakeholders interested in Medicaid Expansion.

Optum will continue to provide updates on Medicaid Expansion as implementation progresses.

Thank you,

The Optum Idaho Team