



# Medicaid and CHIP Already Provide Coverage for the Truly Needy in Wyoming

## MEDICAID PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR SENIORS AND ADULTS

### *Wyoming already covers all:*

- Low-income seniors
- Adults suffering from blindness or other disabilities

## MEDICAID AND CHIP PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR KIDS

### *Wyoming already covers all:*

- Children with family incomes up to 200 percent FPL
- Children with disabilities that require institutional care
- Children and former children in foster care

## MEDICAID PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR FAMILIES

### *Wyoming already covers all:*

- Low-income parents and caretakers of children\*
- Pregnant women with family incomes up to 154 percent FPL (Much higher than federal minimum)\*\*
- New mothers up to two months postpartum
- Women with breast or cervical cancer

\* Up to 48 percent FPL

\*\*Covers 32 percent of all Wyoming births

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## AND THERE'S EVEN MORE COVERAGE AVAILABLE FOR THE TRULY NEEDY IN WYOMING

- **CHARITABLE CLINICS:** There are **more than 100 charitable clinics** throughout Wyoming and surrounding areas.<sup>1</sup> These community health centers serve low-income and uninsured individuals.
- **CLINICAL SITES:** There are also **20 clinical sites** that operate on federal funds and provide low-to-no-cost care for low-income individuals and families.<sup>2</sup>
- **FREE AND SUBSIDIZED PRIVATE PLANS:** Uninsured, low-income Wyomingites are currently eligible for free and private health care plans.<sup>3</sup> Individuals with incomes between **100 and 150 percent FPL** receive free silver-level plans.<sup>4</sup> And individuals with **incomes up to 400 percent FPL** are eligible for subsidies towards premiums.<sup>5</sup> When a state expands Medicaid under ObamaCare, these individuals become ineligible for private-plan subsidies and are shifted onto the state Medicaid program instead.
- **SHORT-TERM AND ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS:** There are **244 more short-term plans than traditional plans** available in Wyoming, and premiums are **67 percent cheaper** on average than individual market plans.<sup>6</sup> And association health plans are up to \$10,000 less per year than traditional plans.<sup>7</sup>

### *Want To Do More?*

With this level of coverage available for the truly needy and **more than 27,000 open jobs** across Wyoming, expanding Medicaid to able-bodied adults under ObamaCare is not a solution—*it's a big problem.*<sup>8</sup>

**Instead, Wyoming should look to expand affordable, private health care options like non-profit/Farm Bureau plans.**

Seven states now allow these low-cost plans, and premiums are up to **77 percent less expensive.**<sup>9</sup> These private plans—not dependency on big government programs—are a better path for health care in Wyoming.

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