

### Letter to the Editor Sample #1

Do you know anyone who has had to file bankruptcy because of medical bills? Do you ever have to choose between medicine and paying your rent or utility bill? Indiana has an opportunity to expand Medicaid coverage for up to 450,000 low-income Hoosiers.

In addition to improving people's health, Medicaid expansion is expected to create 30,000 skilled, good-paying jobs. Medicaid expansion will help reduce insurance premiums that we all pay through cost-shifts resulting from the uninsured. Our federal tax dollars will provide 100 percent of the funding for this expansion in the first three years and at least 90 percent of the costs in the future.

Indiana Coalition for Human Services believes that state health policy should prioritize access to quality, affordable health care for all. We believe all Hoosiers benefit from having healthier residents and taking advantage of opportunities to leverage federal dollars in our state. If you want the State to act on the single most important issue other than the budget this legislative session, let policymakers know you want them to prioritize Medicaid expansion. Tell them you want our federal tax dollars spent here in Indiana.

David Sklar, Indiana Coalition for Human Services President

### Letter to the Editor Sample#2

As we debate jobs and fiscal accountability, Indiana has an opportunity to expand Medicaid coverage for up to 450,000 low-income Hoosiers with significant federal investment. The Federal government has committed to providing 100 percent of the funding for this expansion in the first three years and at least 90 percent of the costs in the future.

One return on this investment is Hoosiers receiving quality health care services, which in turn creates healthier local communities. Another is stimulation of the economy, with estimates showing up to 30,000 skilled medical jobs created in Indiana through the expansion of Medicaid. This should be a concern of all Hoosiers, as uninsured individuals lead to health care cost shifting to those who have private insurance resulting in higher premiums.

Indiana Coalition for Human Services believes that state health policy should prioritize access to quality, affordable health care for all. With this premise, we believe all Hoosiers benefit from having healthier residents and taking advantage of opportunities to leverage federal dollars in our state. If you want the state to act on the single most important issue other than the budget, let policymakers know you want them to prioritize Medicaid expansion.

David Sklar, ICHS President

### Letter to the Editor Sample #3

Do you know anyone who has had to file bankruptcy because of medical bills? Do you ever have to choose between medicine and paying your rent? The expansion of Medicaid to cover up to 450,000 uninsured Hoosiers continues to sit in the General Assembly without action. Other than the state budget, Indiana Coalition for Human Services believes this is the single most important issue this legislative session.

The Federal government has committed to providing 100 percent of the funding for this expansion in the first three years and at least 90 percent of the costs in the future. The benefits of expanding Medicaid surpass just providing medical coverage to low-income Hoosiers. Estimates show up to 30,000 skilled medical jobs created in Indiana and a potential reduction in health care premiums for those who are privately insured.

We believe that state health policy should prioritize access to quality, affordable health care for all. However, our elected officials need to act now to ensure this opportunity is not missed in Indiana. You can demonstrate your support for providing health insurance for Hoosiers by demanding your elected official prioritize Medicaid expansion.

David Sklar, ICBS President