

Part 1 – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

In 1982, legislation was enacted to establish the Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program. The program is designed as an insurance program for the counties to cover the cost of treatment for catastrophic illness suffered by county residents who have no means to pay for the cost of that care. The program picks up the additional medical costs of these residents once the counties' claim payments have exceeded \$11,000 during a 12-month period. Legislation was enacted in 1991 to shift the program from county to state funding in FY 1994.

The CAT fund is governed by an administrative board, which is made up of a county commissioner representative from each of the six districts in Idaho, one Governor's appointee, 4 legislators, two from the Senate and two from the House, as appointed by the legislative leadership (2 Democrats and 2 Republicans), and a representative of the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare. Each Commissioner serves a two-year term, is elected by the County Commissioners of their district, and can serve as many consecutive terms as their constituents wish; the Governor's appointee serves at the pleasure of the Governor; the Health & Welfare representative serves at the pleasure of the Director of the Dept. of Health & Welfare; and Legislators serve at the pleasure of their leadership. The Board meets approximately every six to eight weeks or as necessary for the administration of the CAT fund.

A contract administrator carries out the day-to-day business of administering the CAT program. The contract administrator sees to the processing of all CAT cases, from initial case review to presenting them to the CAT board for determination to the processing of payment of all medical bills received from the counties. The contract administrator works closely with the welfare directors and clerks of each county to facilitate payment of medical claims. The contract administrator also assists the board chairman with the yearly requests for appropriation to the legislature and all other financial reporting and agency management. The contract administrator is currently employed on a 2-year contract with an option to renew for one year at which time the contractor must negotiate a new contract with the Board of Directors.

Each year it is a challenge to meet the ever growing needs of the medical providers on behalf of the citizens of Idaho due to increasing health care costs, and changes in the economy. The Board of Directors makes every attempt to spend state dollars wisely. The legislature allowed for a 5% discount on all medical charges incurred (state and county) during fiscal years 2012 & 2013. The state must anticipate an increase in the fund expenditures for FY2014 due to the sunset of this provision in statute. During the same 2 year period the CAT program was also able to reduce general fund dollars through the use of a federally funded program (PCIP) created through the ACA. Conservatively speaking, the program deferred over 125 cases from the case load which diverted approximately \$3.6 million from state general funds. These are cases that would have otherwise been CAT cases. Other savings through the use of PCIP can also be reported for a total savings estimate of over \$6 million in general funds. This allowed for a stable growth pattern over the last 3 fiscal years. This program sunsets midyear state fiscal 2014. All of these factors have been anticipated in the projections for 2014.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

The purpose of the CAT fund is to assist in covering providers' expenses when patients are defined as medically indigent. These indigents qualify first through the counties and the counties pay the first \$11,000.00 of each indigent's medical bills. The counties then submit the cases to the CAT fund for consideration of payment. After a review by the Board of Directors, through the contract administrator, the CAT fund pays bills that exceed \$11,000.00 during a 12-month period. Chapter 35, Title 31, Idaho Code.

Budgeting for 2014

Due to the unique situation, fiscal year 2014 presents for this agency, it seems important to state for clarity in this report that the budget projections will be calculated and presented as though the fund is intact. Making the customary assumptions based on historical data and including adjustments based on anticipated program changes outlined above.

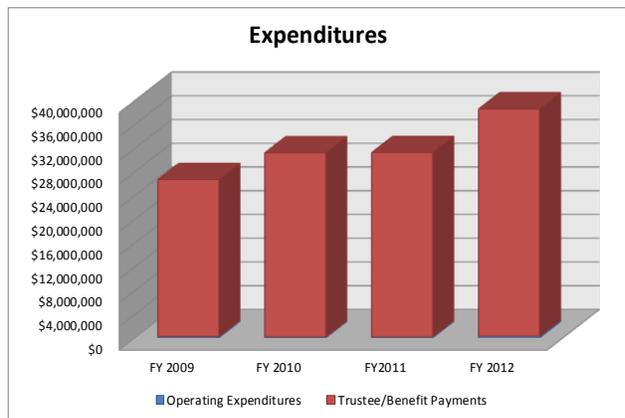
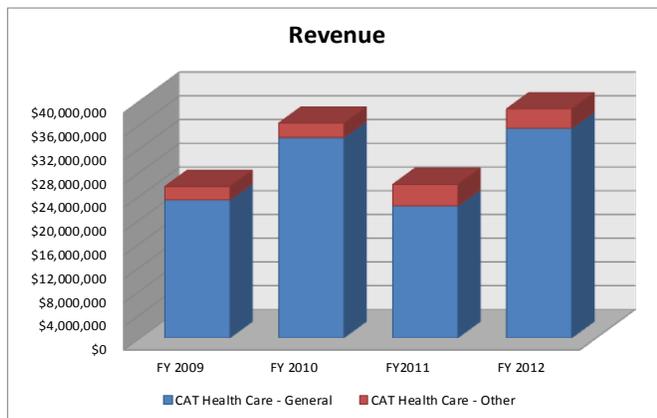
Catastrophic Health Care

Performance Measurement Report

Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenue	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY2011	FY 2012
CAT Health Care - General	\$23,267,700	\$33,771,700	\$22,267,700	\$35,337,700
CAT Health Care - Other	\$ 2,225,000	\$ 2,410,813	\$ 3,573,086	\$ 3,248,097
Total	\$25,492,700	\$36,182,513	\$26,169,286	38,585,797
Expenditure	FY 2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY 2012
Operating Expenditures	\$ 241,870	\$ 178,556	\$ 186,358	\$ 292,087
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$26,435,296	\$31,002,741	\$31,044,251	\$38,293,696
Total	\$26,677,166	\$31,181,297.00	\$31,230,608.99	\$38,585,783

(Note: Revenue does not include noncogs and receipts to appropriation.)



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Payments Made to Providers	\$26,435,074	\$31,002,741	\$31,044,251	\$38,293,696
Reimbursements Received	\$2,932,069.23	\$2,769,735.	\$ 2,310,990	2,726,507
No. of New CAT Cases Fiscal year	1187	1298	1286	1292

Performance Highlights:

Pursuant to Idaho Code 31-3504, an automatic lien is attached to all real and personal property of the applicant and on insurance benefits to which the applicant may become entitled. This statute has created additional funding to be used by the counties and the CAT fund for the increasing medical costs and needs of the indigent citizens of Idaho. This is reported above as 'Reimbursements received'

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2009	2010	2011	2012	Benchmark
1. To pay medical bills for qualified medically indigent persons exceeding \$11,000 starting in FY 2010.	Paid \$26,435,074 in claims for 1187 indigents	Paid \$31,002,741. in claims for 1298 indigents	Paid \$31,044,251. in claims for 1333 indigents	Paid \$38,293,696 In claims for 1292 indigents	To pay \$42,351,384 in claims for 1500 indigents.
2. Administer the fees and costs paid.	\$233,690.70	\$178,556	\$186,358	\$292,087	\$290,000
3. Obtain reimbursement from counties on behalf of the indigents.	Received \$2,932,069	Received \$ \$2,769,735	Received \$ 2,310,991	Received \$ 2,726,507	To receive \$2,700,000

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