

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 Health & Welfare; and Legislators serve at the pleasure of their leadership. The Board meets approximately every six weeks to review cases for approval and to attend to any business necessary for the administration of the CAT Fund.

A Contract Administrator carries out the day-to-day business of administering the CAT Fund. The Contract Administrator sees to the processing of all CAT cases, from presenting them to the Board for approval to the processing of payment of all medical bills received from the counties. The Contract Administrator works closely with the Welfare Directors and Commissioners of each county in order to facilitate payment of claims. The Contract Administrator also makes the yearly requests for appropriation to the legislature and advises the counties on points of indigent law. The Contract Administrator is employed on a year-to-year basis and each year must execute a new contract with the Catastrophic Board.

Under legislation adopted by the 2009 legislature it is anticipated that the Department of Health & Welfare will assist the Catastrophic Board in developing rules and regulations as well as enter into contracts with unknown third parties to assist with patient management and uniformity of pricing as a potential cost containment system. At this time the Department is just beginning to develop its responsibilities under the new legislation.

Every year it is a challenge to meet the needs of the citizens of Idaho due to ever increasing health costs as well as the unknown downturns in the economy.

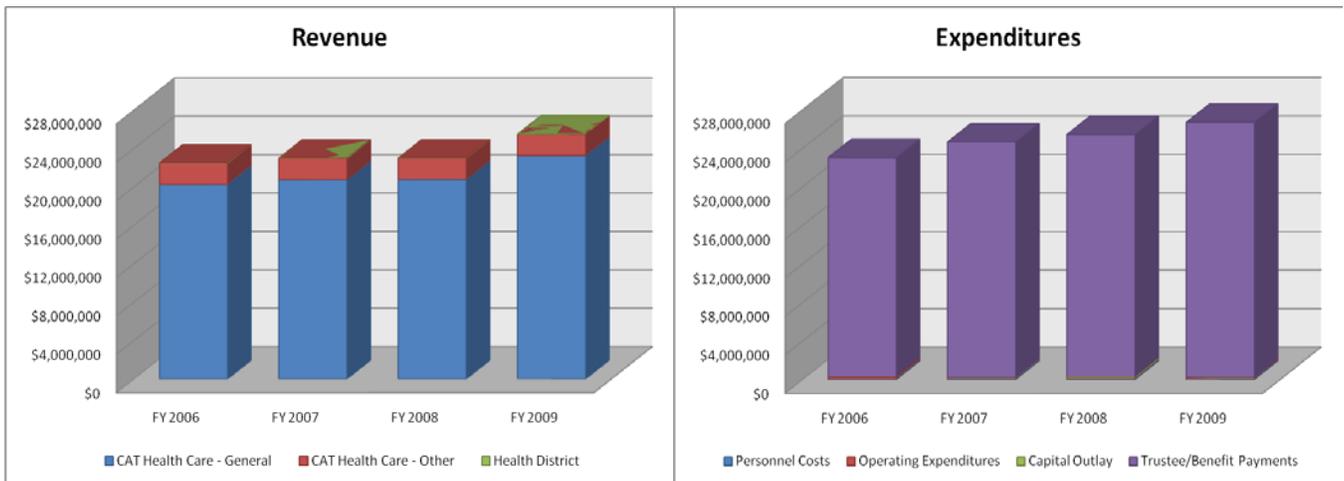
Core Functions/Idaho Code

The purpose of the CAT Fund is to assist counties in paying the medical bills for those indigents who have catastrophic medical emergencies and who have fallen through the cracks of the welfare system, or have inadequate insurance to meet the financial responsibilities when their medical costs are of catastrophic proportions. These indigents qualify first through the counties and the counties pay the first \$11,000.00 of each indigent's medical and hospital bills. The counties then submit the cases to the CAT Fund. After a review by the Administrative Board, the CAT Fund pays bills in excess of that \$11,000.00. Indigents approved for participation in the CAT program remain eligible for benefits for one calendar year. Should a case be considered catastrophic for a time period in excess of one calendar year, the county must pay an additional \$11,000.00 "deductible" after which the CAT Fund will again pay any bills in excess of that new \$11,000.00. Chapter 35, Title 31, Idaho Code.

Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenue	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
CAT Health Care - General	\$20,260,300	\$20,766,800	\$20,768,400	\$23,267,700
CAT Health Care - Other	\$2,225,000	\$2,225,000	\$2,225,000	\$2,225,000
Health District	\$0	0	0	0
Total	\$22,485,300	\$22,991,800	\$22,993,400	\$25,492,700
Expenditure	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personnel Costs	\$0	\$0	0	0
Operating Expenditures	\$251,800	\$224,500	\$232,900	\$241,870
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	0	0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$22,771,600	\$24,423,500	\$25,190,800	\$26,435,296
Total	\$23,023,400	\$24,648,000	\$25,423,700	\$26,677,166

(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 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Payments Made to Providers	22,755,676.71	24,426,101.47	25,195,046.90	26,435,074.57
Reimbursements Received	2,329,670.28	3,176,881.93	3,583,869.11	2,932,069.23
No. of Cases Payments Made to Providers	1063	970	1100	1187
No. of Cases Receiving Reimbursement	1522	2028	2207	2352

Performance Highlights:

Pursuant to Idaho Code 31-3504, an automatic lien is attached to all real 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 Catastrophic Fund for the increasing medical costs and needs of the indigent citizens of Idaho.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2006	2007	2008	2009	Benchmark
1. To pay medical bills for qualified medically indigent persons exceeding \$10,000 prior to 2010 and \$11,000 starting in 2010.	Paid \$22,755,676.71 in claims for 1,063 indigents.	Paid \$24,426,101.47 In claims for 970 indigents	Paid \$25,195,046.90 in claims for 1100 indigents.	Paid \$26,435,074.57 in claims for 1187 indigents	To pay \$27,661,815 in claims for 1,350 indigents.
2. Administer the fees and costs paid.	\$213,518.42	\$219,342.39	\$226,234.43	\$233,690.70	\$245,000.00
3. Obtain reimbursement from or on behalf of the indigents.	Received \$2,329,670.28 from 1522 indigents.	Received \$3,176,881.93 From 2028 indigents	Received \$3,583,869.11 from 2207	Received \$2,932,069.23 from 2352 indigents	To receive \$2,550,000 from 2,050 indigents.

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