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Top Five Reasons for Adopting the Primary Care Access Program (PCAP)

PCAP provides a healthcare model based on the patient-centered medical home. The focus is on connecting each voluntary program participant with a healthcare provider who coordinates primary and preventive care and management of chronic illness in an effort to improve or stabilize the person's health.

1. It's an Idaho solution.
 - No federal money, no federal strings.
 - State control over the rules of eligibility and content of the program.
 - Compatibility with Idaho's State Health Innovation Plan (SHIP), which is designed to transform primary care practices into patient-centered medical homes in Idaho.
2. It supports Idaho values.
 - We encourage development of public/private partnerships that benefit Idahoans.
 - We encourage the ability of communities to provide care to the working poor by supporting local, non-profit community health centers.
3. It saves Idaho money.
 - Compared to federal programs, administrative costs are minimal for the state.
 - Investing up-front in disease prevention and care management will reduce the financial strain on Idaho taxpayers at the other end of the care continuum, which can involve extensive catastrophic healthcare costs.
 - Improving the overall health of Idaho's uninsured, low-income workforce provides value to Idaho employers.
4. It promotes personal responsibility.
 - It is not an entitlement, but rather is a voluntary program for individuals who take the initiative to maintain or improve their health.
 - Patients must be engaged in their individual treatment plan to remain eligible.
 - Patients are responsible for contributing to their healthcare services through an income-based sliding-scale fee.
5. It has a limited timeframe to assess its effectiveness.
 - A five-year sunset clause allows for a time-certain evaluation to determine whether the program has reached the desired outcomes.