

IAHU Legislative Report – September 2016

This time of year in Washington (DC) and our state legislators are on vacation. That doesn't mean that the staff of these legislators is not working on our behalf in preparation for the New Year; it simply means many of us are safe right now from new laws being actually passed.

At the State level, our IAHU Lobbyist Colby Cameron, helped identify individuals who have supported our organization in the past and as they supported us, we have chosen to show our alliance during the primary last April, 2016.

Many of you might know this, but some of the state legislators who supported the exchange were under attack from a hive within their own party.

Here is list of legislators who received contributions from IPAC for the 2016 primary back in May.

1. Senator: Shawn Keogh
2. Representative: Eric Redman
3. Representative: Luke Malek
4. Representative: Merrill Beyeler
5. Senator: Abby Lee
6. Senator: Megan Blanksma
7. Senator: Maxine Bell
8. Representative: Kelly Packer
9. Representative: Paul Romrell

Each received a check in the amount of \$250.00.

Thanks to all of our members who make this possible through your donations to the Idaho State PAC.

Washington (DC) Update:

During our summer recess John Green and his team are working on many issues' and here are just five mentioned in our last Region 7 meeting:

1. Arranging a meeting with the CBO to discuss MLR score.
2. Trying to get on the fall schedule for the Energy and Commerce committee to discuss MLR bill.
3. Setting up meetings with Ways and Means Committee to discuss COBRA & MA OEP issues.
4. Also meeting with various heads of staff *Congress is only expected to be in session for 33 legislative days until the end of the year, meaning that any bills with hopes of being passed have a narrow window during September and December to be considered.
5. COBRA and MA Bills.

In Idaho: Currently waiting for rates to be released by the Department of Insurance, also rumblings that we may have a bill in regards to Medicaid expansion.

Blue Cross of Idaho is dropping their PPO plans for 2017.

The board is working on a survey for our member's this month to start as an open conversation piece to ask where the membership stands in regards to Medicaid expansion. As a member of IAHU, please be looking for this important survey in the near future. We need and want to know everyone's input for this very important issue.

Best regards:

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