

## IAHU Legislative Report

By

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On August 22, Gov. Otter approved a waiver for the creation of an Idaho Exchange and mentioned that Idaho will be asking for a \$40 million grant from the Federal Government to create the Exchange. Idaho has until the end of September formal request the grant money. This a huge step forward for the Idaho insurance market. By having Idaho create their own exchange it will prevent the Federal Government from creating their own exchange for Idaho. As we move closer to the bills for the Exchange to be created we will ask you to contact the Legislators in your district and ask for their support.

On a Federal level the MLR issue is still a very busy issue. This past month NCOIL voted in favor of endorsing HR 1206, this will help us hopefully get this bill passed in the House. The Individual Mandate was ruled unconstitutional and appears to be headed to the Supreme Court. It may take another year before they take any action on it though. The CLASS Act has also been delayed for another year and is now scheduled to begin in 2013.

I would encourage you to please read these reports, the emails we send and to respond to the Operation Shouts you are sent. If you are not a contributor of HUPAC, I would encourage you to contribute. We will all need to work together to protect our future.