

Purpose Statement for the SHIP

Idaho stands upon an important crossroad of designing and developing an integrated and efficient health care system. This system will be a regional facing model built for each Idaho community (including rural and frontier areas) on a robust primary care based system with an empowered patient-centered medical home (PCMH). The PCMH is physician led (in conjunction with nurses, medical assistants, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants) and empowers a broad-based health care team to integrate and coordinate care for the patient in a cost effective and high-quality way. This system will be a robust "medical neighborhood" providing additional community support consisting of secondary care providers and consultants, community home health agencies, hospitals, and other ancillary health care provided in those communities. All of this will be integrated electronically with EMR and other HIT (such as telemedicine) so that clear and timely communication can occur all with the central premise that high-quality, evidence-based care occurs as close to home as possible. Payment systems will be aligned to support these practices to be a blended and bundled system that is responsible and accountable to a value-driven system that enhances patient's health as affordably as possible. This system will be patient-centered and will partner with engaged and accountable patients in shared decision making. Health promotion and wellness will be central tenants of Idaho's health care redesign. All of these principles will be combined at the community level to help create the sustainable health care system that Idaho needs.