



Iowa Medicaid Initiative



"It's up to you now, Miller. The only thing that can save us is an accounting breakthrough."



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■ **Goals**

- Preserve Medicaid, Reduce the \$65 M gap
- More Federal Dollars for Health Care
- More personal responsibility, ownership of health care
- Re-balance Long Term Care



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- **Goal: Reduce the Gap**

- How we got here
- What happens if Iowa does nothing
- Secretary Leavitt's Invitation to Act
- Quick approval required



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- **Goal: Reduce the Gap**

- Iowa loses \$65M in IGT.
- Iowa converts Iowa tax dollars into Medicaid.
 - Using state/county funds to match feds.



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- **Goal: Reduce the Gap**

- Protect safety-net hospitals, MHIs
 - U of I Hospitals and Clinics
 - Broadlawns
 - Four MHIs



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- **Goal: Introduce Limited Medicaid**
 - Expand Medicaid to 200% FPL
 - Not an entitlement
 - Coverage limited to services provided by safety net hospitals



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- **Goal: Introduce Limited Medicaid**
 - Who will be covered, examples:
 - Parents of *hawk-i* kids
 - Childless/single adults



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- **Goal: More Ownership of Health**
 - Premium cost sharing
 - Incentives:
 - To stay healthy
 - To avoid ER
 - To quit smoking



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- **Goal: More Ownership of Health**
 - Expansion population pays monthly premium:
 - No more than 1/12 of 5% family income
 - Must pay at least four months



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- **Goal: More Ownership of Health**
 - Develop Health Care Accounts
 - Help employees pay for employer insurance



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- **Goal: Rebalance Long-Term Care**
 - Relief from rigid federal rules regarding nursing homes
 - Keeps more people in own homes/communities
 - Slows rate of cost growth
 - Expands Home and Community Based waiver



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- **Advantages of Iowa Medicaid Initiative**
 - Reduces the \$65 Million Gap
 - Expands Coverage for the Poor
 - Requires More Ownership of Health
 - Avoids Institutionalization when not needed



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- **Advantages of Iowa Medicaid Initiative, cont.:**
 - Treats Medicaid like a business
 - Includes careful monitoring
 - Non-partisan problem-solving