



Health Care for Health Care Workers

The independent living community supports the continued funding of the Health Care for Healthcare Workers program that was initiated during the 2007 Legislature to continue funding health care insurance for direct care workers.

These direct care workers are vital to the lives of people with disabilities and in order to make the job more attractive and to sustain a healthy and vibrant workforce, health insurance for these hard-working Montanans is needed.

We support the funding proposals to extend funding for this vital program over the next biennium.

<u>Total Agency Impact</u>	<u>General Fund Total</u>
FY 2014 \$536,064	\$180,814
FY 2015 \$536,064	\$181,082

PL- 22207 - HCHCW Funding Annualization -

This decision package annualizes the Medicaid-funded health care for health care worker program and recognizes increases in health care insurance premiums and additional workers participating in this program. The request for the biennium is \$361,896 in general fund and \$710,232 in federal funds for a total request of \$1.07 million.