



# Clark County Medical Society

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## Clark County Medical Society Announces Support for Medicaid Expansion

**LAS VEGAS** (November 14, 2012) – Dr. George Alexander, President of the Clark County Medical Society today released the following statement regarding Medicaid expansion in Nevada, provided for under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA):

“It is the Clark County Medical Society’s position that expanding Medicaid to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level is the right thing to do for our state and we strongly encourage Governor Sandoval to approve the expansion. The federal government will fund the expansion through 2016 when our economy is expected to be in considerably better shape. In addition, with so many Nevadans out of work, leaving them uninsured and one health issue away from potentially catastrophic medical costs is a problem that cannot go unaddressed. We cannot leave so many Nevada families and children still at risk of what has become the leading cause of bankruptcy in the nation: health care costs.

“On behalf of the Clark County Medical Society, I also want to reiterate our position that Medicaid is woefully underfunded in Nevada, making it nearly impossible for health care providers to serve Medicaid patients. The status quo is not sustainable. Therefore, we are also urging the Governor and the legislature to work together to find solutions in the upcoming legislative session that will improve the Medicaid system in our state and ensure access to essential care for patients served by the program.”

### **About Clark County Medical Society**

Established in 1955, the Clark County Medical Society is a professional organization of more than 1,000 physicians. The organization advocates for physicians and their patients in Southern Nevada, encouraging the delivery of quality health care within the community. For more information, visit [www.clarkcountymedical.org](http://www.clarkcountymedical.org) or call 702-739-9989. Follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/CCMedSociety](https://twitter.com/CCMedSociety)

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