

The Coverage Gap for Idaho Families

We want all of Idaho's families to have the security of knowing they can get the health care they need without going bankrupt. We also want our state to have laws that are fair to everyone and don't play favorites.

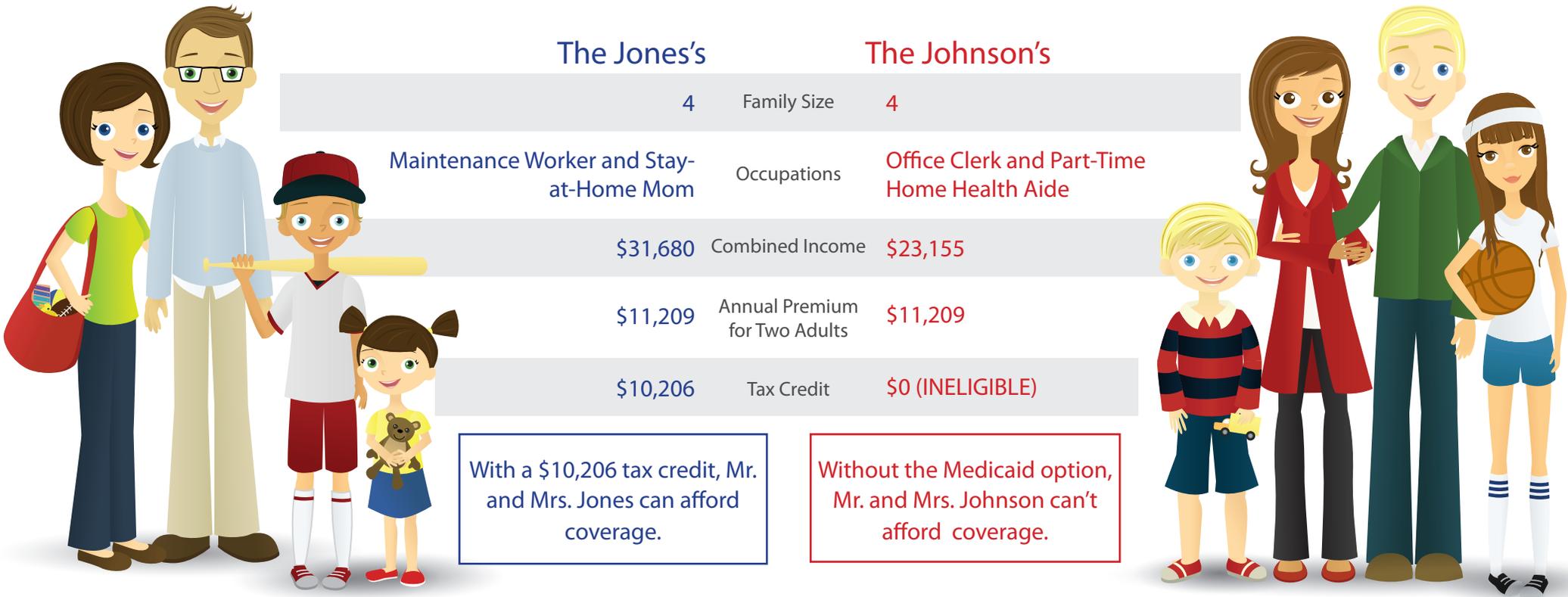
In 2014, uninsured Americans in every state within a certain income bracket will receive tax credits to help them purchase coverage. This will keep these middle-income families healthier and more financially secure. The piece of this policy designed for families below this income bracket is through optional Medicaid dollars, which each state must decide to accept.

Idaho faces an important choice: If we accept the new Medicaid dollars, there will be a low-cost coverage option for families below this income bracket. If we reject the Medicaid dollars, thousands of hardworking Idaho families will not have access to coverage. They will have no protection from health emergencies, while higher-income families will receive help to purchase coverage.

The Jones's		The Johnson's	
4	Family Size	4	
Maintenance Worker and Stay-at-Home Mom	Occupations	Office Clerk and Part-Time Home Health Aide	
\$31,680	Combined Income	\$23,155	
\$11,209	Annual Premium for Two Adults	\$11,209	
\$10,206	Tax Credit	\$0 (INELIGIBLE)	

With a \$10,206 tax credit, Mr. and Mrs. Jones can afford coverage.

Without the Medicaid option, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson can't afford coverage.



If Idaho accepts the new Medicaid dollars, *BOTH* families can access affordable care.