



Sunset Review: Medicaid Expansion Hospital Assessment Act

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To: Health and Human Services Interim Committee
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Subject: Sunset Review of [26B-3-6](#) "Medicaid Expansion Hospital Assessment Act"

Is/Did the statute/program accomplish[ing] its objective?

Yes, the statute is accomplishing its objective. Initially, the assessment provided \$15 million for the first 5 quarters of the Medicaid Expansion (April 2019 to June 2020). After that period, the assessment was designed to cover the costs of Medicaid expansion if those costs are not otherwise covered by the Medicaid Expansion Fund (including revenues collected from the sales tax described in Subsection 59-12-103(11)).

Is the statute/program necessary? Does it need to continue? If so, for how long?

The statute is necessary to continue, for the foreseeable future, to ensure there is sufficient funding for the Medicaid expansion program in case there is ever insufficient funding in the Medicaid Expansion Fund for the program. To date, there has not been a need to assess the hospitals again since the original five quarters (April 2019 to June 2020). Given the uncertainty of the future, having the statute as a source of potential funding is desirable. DHHS recommends extending the sunset date for another five years.

Are there ways to improve the statute/program?

No suggestions to improve the statute at this time.