

MEDICAID EXPANSION PROVISIONS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Robert M. Spendlove

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Medicaid program to permit an expansion of the Medicaid program under certain conditions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ authorizes the Utah Department of Health and the governor to extend Medicaid benefits:

- to an individual who is below 100% of the federal poverty level;
- if the Medicaid benefit package offered to the newly eligible is the current Medicaid benefit package; and
- if the department gets the maximum federal match rate for the Medicaid expansion.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

26-18-18, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 477



28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **26-18-18** is amended to read:

30 **26-18-18. Optional Medicaid expansion.**

31 (1) For purposes of this section "PPACA" ~~[is as]~~ means the same as that term is
32 defined in Section **31A-1-301**.

33 (2) The department and the governor shall not expand the state's Medicaid program to
34 the optional Medicaid expansion population under PPACA unless:

35 ~~[(a) the Health Reform Task Force has completed a thorough analysis of a statewide~~
36 ~~charity care system;]~~

37 ~~[(b) the department and its contractors have:]~~

38 ~~[(i) completed a thorough analysis of the impact to the state of expanding the state's~~
39 ~~Medicaid program to optional populations under PPACA, and]~~

40 ~~[(ii) made the analysis conducted under Subsection (2)(b)(i) available to the public;]~~

41 ~~[(c) the governor or the governor's designee has reported the intention to expand the~~
42 ~~state Medicaid program under PPACA to the Legislature in compliance with the legislative~~
43 ~~review process in Sections **63M-1-2505.5** and **26-18-3**, and]~~

44 (a) the expansion of the state Medicaid program is in accordance with Subsection (3);

45 or

46 ~~[(d)]~~ (b) if the expansion is not in accordance with Subsection (3), notwithstanding
47 Subsection **63J-5-103**(2), the governor submits the request for expansion of the Medicaid
48 program for optional Medicaid expansion populations to the Legislature under the high impact
49 federal funds request process required by Section **63J-5-204**, Legislative review and approval
50 of certain federal funds request.

51 (3) The department may expand the Medicaid program:

52 (a) to an individual who is below 100% of the federal poverty level;

53 (b) if the department offers the current Medicaid benefit structure to an individual
54 under Subsection (3)(a); and

55 (c) if the department obtains the maximum federal financial participation for the
56 expansion population as set forth in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1396d(y).

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