MEDICAID EXPANSION PROPOSAL

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor:  Gene Davis
House Sponsor:  Rebecca Chavez-Houck

LONG TITLE

General Description:
This bill amends the Utah Health Code related to the state Medicaid program.

Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:

- requires the Department of Health to amend the state Medicaid plan to expand Medicaid eligibility to the optional populations under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;
- repeals a provision requiring the governor to comply with certain requirements before expanding Medicaid; and
- provides that Medicaid expansion is repealed if federal funding decreases from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act funding rates.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None

Other Special Clauses:
None

Utah Code Sections Affected:
ENACTS:
26-18-21, Utah Code Annotated 1953

REPEALS:
26-18-18, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 26-18-21 is enacted to read:


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

(2) The state shall, in accordance with this section and PPACA, amend its state Medicaid plan to expand Medicaid eligibility to the optional Medicaid expansion population under PPACA.

(3) The Medicaid expansion under this section is repealed on the date of a certification by the executive director that:

(a) Congress has taken an action that will reduce the federal financial participation for the expansion population; and

(b) the reduction in federal financial participation exceeds the reductions described in PPACA, Subsection 2001(a)(3).

Section 2. Repealer.

This bill repeals:

Section 26-18-18, Optional Medicaid expansion.