

1                                   **MEDICAID EXPANSION PROPOSAL**

2   2016 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4                                   **Chief Sponsor: Gene Davis**

5                                   House Sponsor: Rebecca Chavez-Houck

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

9           This bill amends the Utah Health Code related to the state Medicaid program.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11       This bill:

12           ▶ requires the Department of Health to amend the state Medicaid plan to expand  
13 Medicaid eligibility to the optional populations under the Patient Protection and  
14 Affordable Care Act;

15           ▶ repeals a provision requiring the governor to comply with certain requirements  
16 before expanding Medicaid; and

17           ▶ provides that Medicaid expansion is repealed if federal funding decreases from the  
18 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act funding rates.

19 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

20       None

21 **Other Special Clauses:**

22       None

23 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

24 ENACTS:

25       **26-18-21**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

26 REPEALS:

27       **26-18-18**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283



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

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

31 **26-18-21. Medical eligibility expansion.**

32 (1) For purposes of this section, "PPACA" means the same as that term is defined in

33 Section [31A-1-301](#).

34 (2) The state shall, in accordance with this section and PPACA, amend its state

35 Medicaid plan to expand Medicaid eligibility to the optional Medicaid expansion population

36 under PPACA.

37 (3) The Medicaid expansion under this section is repealed on the date of a certification

38 by the executive director that:

39 (a) Congress has taken an action that will reduce the federal financial participation for

40 the expansion population; and

41 (b) the reduction in federal financial participation exceeds the reductions described in

42 PPACA, Subsection 2001(a)(3).

43 Section 2. **Repealer.**

44 This bill repeals:

45 Section **26-18-18**, **Optional Medicaid expansion.**

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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