

MEDICAID EXPANSION AMENDMENTS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Gene Davis

House Sponsor: _____

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- provides that Medicaid expansion is repealed if federal funding decreases from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act funding rates.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 2016, Chapter 279



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37 (3) The Medicaid expansion under this section is repealed on the date of a certification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

Legislative Review Note
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