

[BUDGET AFFECTED]

Budget(s) : **Addition to 300 Sections**

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1 Page 145-after line 5 Insert the following new section and
2 renumber as necessary:

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4 "[MEDICAID EXPANSION]

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6 **Section 333.**

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8 (a) The director of the department of health, in
9 consultation with the insurance commissioner and with the
10 approval of the governor, shall negotiate with the United States
11 department of health and human services to expand medical
12 assistance eligibility to all persons authorized under 42 U.S.C.
13 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII). If the negotiation reveals viable and
14 fiscally advantageous options for expansion of medical
15 assistance, the director, with the approval of the governor, is
16 authorized to pursue necessary and prudent waivers and state
17 plan amendments for the expansion to occur. The negotiation and
18 any waivers and state plan amendments shall be subject to the
19 following:

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21 (i) The medical assistance expansion shall include a
22 work, volunteerism or educational requirement for beneficiaries,
23 consistent with any exceptions required by federal law;

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25 (ii) To the maximum extent possible, any necessary
26 amendments and waivers shall be limited to the funds made
27 available by the federal government for the expansion of medical
28 assistance;

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30 (iii) The medical assistance expansion shall include
31 premium assistance for eligible higher income individuals to
32 enable their enrollment in a qualified health plan through a
33 federal health insurance exchange or an employer sponsored group
34 health insurance plan;

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36 (iv) The expansion program shall include a cost-
37 sharing requirement, as authorized under federal law, for
38 eligible moderate income individuals;

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2 (v) To the maximum extent possible, premiums and out-
3 of-pocket expenses shall be established at levels that will
4 ensure no fiscal impact to the state of Wyoming;

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6 (vi) Initial and continuing income eligibility
7 standards shall be structured, to the extent possible, to avoid
8 creating disincentives for a beneficiary to increase the
9 beneficiary's household income;

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11 (vii) The expansion program shall include wellness
12 benefits and waive cost-sharing requirements for these benefits;
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15 (viii) The expansion program shall include cost-
16 sharing incentives for beneficiaries who attain specified
17 uniform standards of health, including completion of an approved
18 annual health risk assessment to identify unhealthy
19 characteristics such as alcohol or substance disorders, tobacco
20 use, obesity and immunization deficiencies.

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22 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
23 department of health shall have spending authority to the extent
24 necessary to implement this section.

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26 (c) This section is repealed effective on the date that
27 the federal government informs the state of Wyoming that it is
28 no longer eligible to receive the federal medical assistance
29 percentage offered on January 1, 2018 to states providing
30 coverage for all persons described under 42 U.S.C.
31 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII).

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33 (d) This section constitutes the Legislature's approval for
34 expansion of medical assistance pursuant to 2013 Wyoming Session
35 Laws, Chapter 116, Section 5.

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37 (e) This section is effective immediately.".

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39 To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and
40 renumber as necessary. ROTHFUSS