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[BUDGET(s) AFFECTED]

Sections Under Consideration:

Section 330s. [ADDITIONS TO 300 SECTIONS]

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Page 159-after line 11 Insert the following new section and renumber as necessary:

"[MEDICAID EXPANSION]

Section 330.

(a) If directed by the governor, the insurance commissioner of this state and the director of the department of health shall, as soon as practicable, negotiate with the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States department of health and human services to obtain a state plan amendment or other federal authorization to provide for Medicaid expansion to cover all persons described under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII), or any other federal law that replaces that act before the repeal of this section and subject to the requirements imposed under subsection (b) of this section.

(b) If the negotiation authorized by subsection (a) of this section reveals viable and fiscally advantageous options as determined by the governor for the expansion of Medicaid eligibility in Wyoming, the governor by and through the department of health is authorized to pursue any Medicaid plan amendments or other waivers that are necessary and prudent for the expansion. Any expansion authorized under this section shall be subject to the following requirements and restrictions:

(i) Any expansion of Medicaid under this section shall not be administered during any time period in which the increased federal medical assistance percentage, as currently provided under 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(y), is less than ninety percent (90%);

(ii) The director of the department of health may negotiate a permanent increase to the federal medical assistance

percentage that is no lower than the average federal medical assistance percentage of neighboring states;

(iii) No public funds used for the expansion of Medicaid under this section shall be used in violation of W.S. 35-6-138;

(iv) No public funds used for the expansion of Medicaid under this section shall be used for chemical neutering or puberty blocking drugs or surgery for the treatment of gender dysphoria.

(c) To the extent necessary to pursue viable and fiscally advantageous Medicaid expansion actions under this section, this section shall be construed to supersede 2013 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 116, Section 5.

(d) The department of health shall provide notice to the governor and state auditor on the date that an expansion of Medicaid eligibility under this section has occurred. On the date notice is received, the state auditor shall, notwithstanding W.S. 39-15-111(p)(i)(A), transfer eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000.00) from the Wyoming tourism account to the general fund.

(e) Upon an expansion of Medicaid eligibility under this section, and from that date until June 30, 2026, there is appropriated from the general fund to the department of health twenty-two million dollars (\$22,000,000.00). This appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of meeting the state's Medicaid matching obligations incurred as a result of the expansion of Medicaid eligibility under this section. Each quarter after receiving funds under this appropriation, the department of health shall report to the joint appropriations committee on the receipt of any federal funds or incentives that could be used to offset any expenditure of the funds appropriated in this subsection, including the receipt of incentives under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2.

 (f) Upon an expansion of Medicaid eligibility under this section, and from that date until June 30, 2026, there is appropriated one hundred seventy-seven million dollars (\$177,000,000.00) in federal funds to the department of health for the purpose of the expansion of Medicaid eligibility under this section.".

- 1 To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and
- 2 renumber as necessary. CASE