

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0084

Medicaid expansion—limited benefits.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services
Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to Medicaid; creating the Medicaid fit
2 program; authorizing expansion of the Medicaid program with
3 limited benefits as specified; providing eligibility
4 criteria for Medicaid clients as specified; providing an
5 appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 42-4-401 through 42-4-404 are created
10 to read:

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ARTICLE 4

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15 **42-4-401. Medicaid fit program created.**

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1 (a) There is created the Medicaid fit program within
2 the Medicaid program to provide limited medical assistance
3 to eligible individuals.

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5 (b) Except as provided in this article, all
6 provisions of the Medicaid program under this chapter shall
7 apply to the Medicaid fit program.

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9 **42-4-402. Medicaid fit program; eligibility.**

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11 The department shall provide for all persons described
12 under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social
13 Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII), to be
14 eligible for Medicaid under this article beginning January
15 1, 2015.

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17 **42-4-403. Medicaid fit program; limited benefits.**

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19 (a) Medicaid benefits available under this article
20 shall be more limited than those otherwise available under
21 this chapter, and shall be subject to the following:

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23 (i) Benefits shall be tailored to the population
24 described in W.S. 42-4-402;

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2 (ii) Cost sharing shall be set at the maximum
3 level allowable under federal law and regulations, and
4 shall mirror cost sharing in the private insurance market
5 to the extent feasible and appropriate;

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7 (iii) If greater cost sharing is available, the
8 department shall pursue a demonstration waiver under
9 section 115(a) of the Social Security Act;

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11 (iv) Benefits shall be benchmarked to,
12 actuarially equivalent to or otherwise similar to a
13 commercial private insurance plan to the extent authorized
14 by section 1937(b)(1) or 1937(b)(2) of the Social Security
15 Act;

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17 (v) Different benefit packages may be provided
18 to identifiable groups within the population described in
19 W.S. 42-4-402 and to different regions of the state.

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21 **42-4-404. Medicaid fit program; federal funding**
22 **contingency.**

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1 The program created by this article shall not be
2 administered during any time period in which the federal
3 medical assistance percentage, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §
4 1396d(y), is less than ninety percent (90%).

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6 **Section 2.** There is appropriated one hundred fifty-
7 six million seven hundred thousand dollars
8 (\$156,700,000.00) in federal funds to the department of
9 health. This appropriation shall be for the period
10 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
11 June 30, 2016. This appropriation shall only be expended
12 for the purpose of Medicaid expansion as provided in this
13 act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
14 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
15 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
16 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
17 by law on June 30, 2016.

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19 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
20 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
21 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
22 Constitution.

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