

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0161

Medicaid expansion-2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Barlow

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to Medicaid; providing for expansion of
 2 coverage to low income persons as specified; authorizing
 3 negotiation for a Medicaid demonstration waiver; providing
 4 waiver requirements 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 and 42-4-402 are created to
 10 read:

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ARTICLE 4

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MEDICAID EXPANSION

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15 **42-4-401. Medicaid expansion.**

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1 (a) The director of the department and the governor
2 shall negotiate with the center for Medicare and Medicaid
3 services of the United States department of health and
4 human services for a demonstration waiver to provide
5 Medicaid coverage effective January 1, 2015, for all
6 persons described under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of
7 the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §
8 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII).

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10 (b) Any expansion of Medicaid pursuant to this
11 section shall be subject to the following:

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13 (i) Beneficiaries under the expansion waiver
14 shall be United States citizens or permanent residents
15 authorized by the United States citizenship and immigration
16 services of the department of homeland security;

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18 (ii) Beneficiaries shall have been a resident of
19 Wyoming for one (1) year prior to application;

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21 (iii) Beneficiaries shall be older than eighteen
22 (18) years of age and less than sixty-five (65) years of
23 age;

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1 (iv) Beneficiaries shall be determined eligible
2 through the federally operated health insurance exchange in
3 Wyoming and shall not be eligible for any other
4 governmental medical insurance program;

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6 (v) Each new beneficiary shall have an
7 initiating health exam by a qualified physician;

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9 (vi) Healthcare shall be delivered by:

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11 (A) Comprehensive care entities under
12 contract with the department of health, which shall include
13 provider led, insurer led or managed care organizations
14 providing essential benefit healthcare services to eligible
15 individuals and others on a regional or statewide basis; or

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17 (B) Premium payment assistance for employer
18 based insurance for eligible recipients who are employed
19 twenty (20) hours or more per week by an employer offering
20 qualified health insurance.

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22 (vii) Eligible participants may select and
23 change their healthcare provider;

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1 (viii) Healthcare advocates may facilitate
2 participant education;

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4 (ix) The department shall ensure, and implement
5 appropriate incentives to ensure, that there are
6 comprehensive healthcare entities with an adequate provider
7 network throughout the state;

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9 (x) The waiver plan shall include payment models
10 which are patient risk adjusted;

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12 (xi) Reimbursements to providers shall not be
13 less than one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of care
14 for healthcare providers who submit Medicare cost reports
15 to the department;

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17 (xii) Cost sharing shall not be allowed for
18 preventive healthcare services.

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20 **42-4-402. Medicaid expansion; federal funding**
21 **contingency.**

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23 The program created by W.S. 42-4-401 and 42-4-402 shall not
24 be administered during any time period in which the federal

1 medical assistance percentage, as currently provided
2 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(y), is less than ninety
3 percent (90%).

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5 **Section 2.** There is appropriated two hundred ten
6 million dollars (\$210,000,000.00) in federal funds to the
7 department of health. This appropriation shall be for the
8 period beginning with the effective date of this act and
9 ending June 30, 2016. This appropriation shall only be
10 expended for the purpose of Medicaid expansion as provided
11 in this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
12 this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for
13 any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
14 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
15 by law on June 30, 2016.

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

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