

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0008

Medicaid coverage-eligible low income adults.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Sweeney, Clifford, Connolly,
Harshman, Henderson, Yin and Zwonitzer and
Senator(s) Furphy, Gierau and Rothfuss

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION to expand Medicaid coverage to eligible
2 low income adults.

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4 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,*
5 *two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting*
6 *separately, concurring therein:*

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8 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
9 Constitution, Article 1, Section 38 by creating a new
10 subsection (e) is proposed for submission to the electors of
11 the State of Wyoming at the next general election for approval
12 or rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if
13 ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

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15 **Article 1, Section 38. Right of health care access.**

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2 (e) Consistent with applicable federal law in place on
3 the first day of January, 2021, the state shall provide
4 Medicaid benefits to low income residents of the state whose
5 income is at or below one hundred thirty-eight percent (138%)
6 of the federal poverty level. The legislature may by general
7 law restrict the state from providing Medicaid benefits that
8 exceed those that were in place on the date prescribed in
9 this subsection should applicable federal law change after
10 that date in a manner that expands eligibility for Medicaid
11 benefits or otherwise increases the financial obligation of
12 the state under the Medicaid program.

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14 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse
15 the following statement on the proposed amendment:

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17 This amendment to the Wyoming Constitution would require the
18 state to take steps necessary to provide Medicaid benefits to
19 low income residents whose income is at or below one
20 hundred thirty-eight percent (138%) of the federal poverty
21 level and who meet other nonfinancial eligibility
22 requirements for Medicaid participation. The state would not
23 be required to provide Medicaid benefits or expend additional

1 funds beyond those benefits or expenditures existing on
2 January 1, 2023.

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