

[BUDGET AFFECTED]

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

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Page 112-after line 27 Insert the following new section and
renumber as necessary:

"[MEDICAID EXPANSION]

Section 327.

(a) The director of the department of health, the insurance commissioner and the governor shall negotiate with the center for medicare and medicaid services for a state plan amendment which expands Medicaid services to provide Medicaid coverage for all persons described under 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII). The negotiations shall be subject to the following, whether through state plan amendment or the submission of a waiver application:

(i) The expansion program shall include a work requirement for beneficiaries;

(ii) To the maximum extent possible, the waiver or amendment application shall be limited to the funds made available by the federal government for Medicaid expansion;

(iii) The expansion program shall include premium assistance for eligible higher income individuals to enable their enrollment in a qualified health plan through the health insurance exchange or an employer sponsored group plan;

(iv) The expansion program shall include cost sharing as authorized under federal law and regulations for eligible moderate income individuals;

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

(vi) Initial and continuing income eligibility standards shall be designed and structured, to the extent

1 possible, to avoid creating a disincentive for a beneficiary to
2 increase that beneficiary's household income;

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4 (vii) The expansion program shall provide for
5 wellness benefits and for the waiver of co-pay or deductible
6 requirements for wellness benefits;

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8 (viii) The expansion program shall include cost
9 sharing incentives for beneficiaries who attain or maintain
10 specified uniform standards of healthy behaviors, including, at
11 a minimum, completion of an approved annual health risk
12 assessment to identify unhealthy characteristics such as alcohol
13 or substance disorders, tobacco use, obesity and immunization
14 deficiencies.

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16 (b) The department of health shall have spending authority
17 to the extent necessary to fully implement the expansion program
18 required by this section.

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20 (c) The authority granted by this section to operate an
21 expansion program shall be immediately repealed by operation of
22 law at any time the federal government reduces Wyoming's
23 eligibility to receive the federal medical assistance
24 percentages offered on January 1, 2016 to states providing
25 coverage for all persons described under 42 U.S.C.
26 §1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII).

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28 (d) This section constitutes the Legislature's prior
29 approval for expansion of the Medicaid program pursuant to 2013
30 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 116, Section 5.

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32 (e) This section is effective immediately.". ROTHFUSS