



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT

House Bill 1181

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moves to amend the bill on page 4, line 35, by inserting before that line the following new bill section:

"SECTION 7.5. Medicaid Expansion. - (a) The General Assembly hereby recognizes and finds the following:

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 (1) A one hundred percent (100%) federal Medicaid match rate for services remains available through 2017 for the Medicaid expansion group.
 - (2) Even after stepping down to 90% by 2020, the federal Medicaid match rate for the expansion group remains high in comparison to the State's normal Medicaid match rate.
 - (3) The failure to expand Medicaid not only harms North Carolina citizens who do not qualify for federal subsidies to purchase insurance on the Health Insurance Exchange, but also sends North Carolinians' federal tax dollars to other states.
 - (4) The failure to expand Medicaid within North Carolina has been predicated on the existing Medicaid program being "broken," with its budget uncertainty and high costs.
 - (5) The Medicaid reform provided under this act will provide greater budget certainty to the Medicaid program because of (i) full capitation and (ii) better forecasting of enrollment numbers and enrollment mix.
 - (6) The Medicaid reform provided under this act will produce overall savings to the Medicaid program by decreasing the rate of program growth, generating additional funding that may be used for administrative costs and State match for the Medicaid expansion group.
 - (7) Based on subdivisions (5) and (6), the Medicaid reform provided under this act fixes the "broken" Medicaid system and offers a tremendous opportunity for the State to provide medical coverage to needy North Carolinians.

SECTION 7.5.(b) Because of the recognitions and findings listed in subsection (a) of this section, Medicaid eligibility shall be expanded, effective July 1, 2016, to include all people under age 65 who have incomes equal to or less than one hundred thirty-three percent (133%) of the federal poverty guidelines, as provided under the Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended."



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