

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0007

Medicaid coverage-eligible low income adults.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Sweeney, Brown, Clifford,
Connolly, Furphy, Henderson, Yin and Zwonitzer

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

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

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

1 provide Medicaid benefits or expend additional funds beyond
2 those benefits or expenditures existing on January 1, 2021.

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(END)