2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 186

Introduced by: ***Senator*** *Steinhauer*

An Act to expand Medicaid eligibility by the Legislature.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That chapter 28-6 be amended with a NEW SECTION:

Beginning July 1, 2023, the state shall provide medicaid benefits to any person over age eighteen and under age sixty-five whose income is at or below one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level adjusted for the applicable family size, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 1396a as of March 11, 2021. Such person shall receive coverage that meets or exceeds the benchmark or benchmark-equivalent coverage requirements, as described in 42 U.S.C. § 1396a as of March 11, 2021, and that is the same as provided to persons who currently qualify for Medicaid in this state.

No later than March 1, 2023, the Department of Social Services shall submit all state plan amendments necessary to implement this section to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The state shall take all actions necessary to maximize the federal financial medical assistance percentage in funding medical assistance pursuant to this section.

Section 2. That chapter 28-6 be amended with a NEW SECTION:

If the federal medical assistance percentage for individuals covered under the expanded income group in section 1 of this Act is less than the ninety percent commitment in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(y), as of September 30, 2021, the state shall cease to provide the benefits and coverage in section 1 of this Act, and sections 1 and 2 of this Act will expire.