

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 172

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A RESOLUTION to authorize the governor to expand Medicaid.

WHEREAS, recognizing that the healthcare system in Tennessee is one of the most crucial challenges facing our leaders today; and

WHEREAS, the governor should have authority to enter into negotiations with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop a specialized means by which Medicaid can be expanded for the benefit of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the governor should have authority to develop a solution that goes further than just providing coverage to low-income Tennesseans by preparing these citizens for a transition to private market coverage by promoting participant engagement and personal responsibility and by incentivizing appropriate use of the healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, authorizing such negotiations between the governor and the current federal administration could result in a solution that creates financial incentives for providers to furnish high-quality care in an efficient and appropriate manner so as to reduce costs and improve health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, such a solution could serve as a unique approach that brings Tennessee taxpayer dollars back to this State to benefit Tennessee citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the Governor be authorized to do all that is necessary and appropriate to expand Medicaid in this state.