

# INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED qualified voters of the state of South Dakota, petition that the following section or sections and article or articles of the South Dakota Constitution be amended and that this proposal be submitted to the voters of the state of South Dakota at the general election on November 8, 2022, for their approval or rejection.

**Title: An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution expanding Medicaid eligibility.**

Attorney General Explanation: Medicaid is a program, funded by the State and the federal government, to provide medical coverage for low-income people who are in certain designated categories. This constitutional amendment expands Medicaid eligibility in South Dakota. It requires the State to provide Medicaid benefits to any person over age 18 and under 65 whose income is at or below 133% of the federal poverty level and who meets other eligibility requirements in federal law. For people who qualify under this amendment, the State may not impose burdens or restrictions that are greater than those imposed on any other group eligible for medical assistance. The State must obtain federal approval of the Medicaid expansion coverage set forth in this amendment. Additionally, the Legislature must pass laws to implement this amendment.

**That Article XXI of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:**

§ 10 The State of South Dakota shall provide Medicaid benefits to any person over age 18 and under age 65 whose income is 133% of the federal poverty level or less as provided by federal law and who meets other nonfinancial eligibility requirements of the federal Medicaid law. The State of South Dakota may not impose on any such person any greater or additional burdens or restrictions on eligibility, enrollment, or benefits than on any other group eligible for medical assistance.

Within 90 days of voter approval of this section, the State of South Dakota shall submit a state plan amendment and all other necessary documents, and take all additional steps necessary to seek required approvals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include such persons as a coverage group in South Dakota's Medicaid program.

The Legislature shall provide by law any provisions necessary to implement this section.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO SIGNERS:**

1. Signers of this petition must individually sign their names in the form in which they are registered to vote or as they usually sign their names.
2. Before the petition is filed, each signer or the circulator must add the residence address of the signer and the date of signing. If the signer is a resident of a second or third class municipality, a post office box may be used for the residence address.
3. Before the petition is filed, each signer or the circulator must print the name of the signer in the space provided and add the county of voter registration.
4. Abbreviations of common usage may be used. Ditto marks may not be used.
5. Failure to provide all information requested may invalidate the signature.

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