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Chippewa County Resolution 13-10

**RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING INCREASED ACCESS  
TO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE  
FOR LOW INCOME WORKERS, FAMILIES AND VETERANS**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Snyder's proposal to broaden the scope of Medicaid will provide health insurance for those Michiganders who need it most, while saving money and improving care for our citizens, and

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid financial eligibility would be increased to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level, meaning that those living at or near poverty (about \$30,000 per year for a family of four) would receive health care. In total, 320,000 Michiganders (approximately 19,500 residents of the Upper Peninsula and over 5,000 Veterans) would be covered in the first year, 470,000 (28,200 U.P. residents) would be covered by 2013, and Michigan's uninsured population would drop by about 46%, and

**WHEREAS**, coverage will include access to primary care doctors, preventative care and routine checkups, and

**WHEREAS**, there is no net cost to the state over the next 21 years, and Michigan will save \$320 million in uncompensated care costs by 2022 and \$206 million in General Fund costs in 2014 alone, and

**WHEREAS**, Federal funds will cover 100% of the cost of Medicaid expansion from 2014 to 2016, 95% in 2017, 94% in 2018, 93% in 2019 and 90% in 2020 and subsequent years, and,

**WHEREAS**, with the Medicaid expansion, the federal government will cover expenses Michigan pays today, saving the state \$206 million in General Fund costs in 2014 alone.

**WHEREAS**, The proposed budget deposits of \$103 million of those saving into a new health savings fund to cover Michigan's future health care liabilities, and

**WHEREAS**, today, uninsured citizens often turn to emergency rooms for non-urgent care because they don't have access to primary care doctors - leading to crowded emergency rooms, longer wait times and higher costs, and

**WHEREAS**, by broadening Medicaid eligibility, those without insurance will have access to primary care, lowering costs and improving overall health, and

**WHEREAS**, under the Affordable Care Act, the federal government is mandating that businesses either provide health care to their employees or pay a \$2,000-per-employee penalty, by expanding Medicaid Michigan can provide an affordable option that will help small businesses,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners (UPACC) supports Governor Snyder's plan to increase access to Medicaid health coverage. Motion passed unanimously.

  
UPACC Secretary

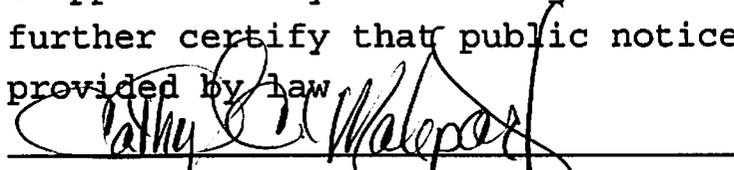
May 16, 2013

Resolution Declared Adopted

State of Michigan )

County of Chippewa )

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at the regular meeting held on June 10, 2013, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law



Catherine Maleport, County Clerk