



Resolution 2012 #2

A resolution of support by the Executive Committee of the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association on behalf of its membership concerning the expansion of the Medicaid Program in Alaska.

WHEREAS: Affordability and accessibility of health care is an important issue for all Alaskans;

WHEREAS: On June 28, 2012 the Supreme Court of the United States ruled on certain aspects of the Affordable Care Act and its constitutionality;

WHEREAS: As part of this ruling the Supreme Court allows, without penalty, states to either expand their Medicaid program to serve certain recipients up to 138% of FPL or decline to expand their Medicaid program to serve these recipients;

WHEREAS: Governor Parnell must now determine if Alaska will expand their Medicaid coverage in accordance with these provisions;

WHEREAS: Approximately 35,000-55,000 uninsured or underinsured Alaskans will be eligible for Medicaid under this expansion;

WHEREAS: Expanding this coverage will lessen the financial impact to the state's employers, increase access for needy and uninsured Alaskans and alleviate the uncompensated care burden with Alaska hospitals and providers;

WHEREAS: The federal government will fund the first three years of the expansion at 100% federal funding for programmatic services and then stepping down funding to 90% in 2019 and beyond resulting in approximately \$2 billion in new health care funding over the next five years;

WHEREAS: The ACA and other Congressional actions will reduce or *likely* will reduce Medicare payments to hospitals over a similar period;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

The Executive Committee of the Association, on behalf of its members, formally supports the expansion of Medicaid recipients to 138% FPL,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

The Association pledges to support Governor Parnell and his Administration in any way feasible to provide information, resources and support to gain the information necessary to fully evaluate the benefits and the costs of such an expansion.

Passed by the majority of the Executive Committee this 16th day of August, 2012

ATTEST:

Signature to follow
Bruce Lamoureux
Chair