

**New Hampshire Medicaid Expansion:  
As Promulgated Under the Affordable Care Act**

*Whereas*, the physicians of the New Hampshire Medical Society believe that providing healthcare coverage for all N.H. citizens is an important policy and public health goal; and

*Whereas*, the New Hampshire Medical Society has not taken an official position on the 2010 Affordable Care Act; however, the New Hampshire Medical Society supports its broad goals; and

*Whereas*, the United States Supreme Court generally affirmed the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act while providing states an option of whether to accept Medicaid expansion funds from the federal government to expand coverage to the newly “insured”; and

*Whereas*, the State of New Hampshire retained The Lewin Group to conduct an analysis of the impact on N.H. in accepting Medicaid expansion funds. The Phase I and Phase II reports concluded that between 2014 and 2020, N.H. stands to receive between \$1.95 billion and \$2.71 billion in additional Medicaid funding (under Medicaid expansion) and may incur costs of approximately \$18 million (\$85 million in addition costs to the state with at least \$67 million in projected savings/increased revenues). Accepting these funds is projected to provide health coverage to an estimated 62,237 N.H. residents (by 2020) who are currently uninsured, translating to a cost of less than \$50 per person per year for those covered under Medicaid expansion; and

*Whereas*, it is well documented that patients with coverage and access to the healthcare system are healthier and ultimately may incur lower medical costs and are more productive citizens; now therefore be it

*Resolved* that, the New Hampshire Medical Society recommends the State of New Hampshire accept federal Medicaid expansion funds as promulgated under the 2010 Affordable Care Act and use such funds for the specific purpose of covering those individuals as contemplated under the act.

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