

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SJR 103**

March 19, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Urges the United State Department of Health and Human Services to approve an expansion of Medicaid eligibility in the state by means of a block grant that would join federal and state funds to enable citizens with incomes of less than 138 percent of the federal poverty line and persons covered under the existing TennCare II waiver to obtain health insurance coverage.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

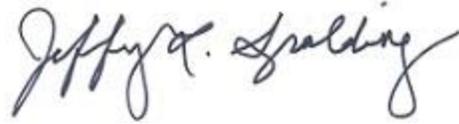
**Other Fiscal Impact – If approved by the federal government, the block grant received will be at the current federal funding level of \$6,417,781,500 for FY15-16. Additional state funds will be needed to cover the expanded population of 280,000 enrollees or the TennCare benefit structure will need to be amended so that benefits can be provided to the entire population at the current funding level.**

Assumptions:

- Should the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approve the waiver amendment, the state would receive all current federal matching funds, estimated to be \$6,417,781,500 in FY15-16, that the state would then use in providing current TennCare enrollees with medical and behavioral health services.
- The resolution proposes to expand the TennCare enrollee population to persons with income levels of less than 138 percent of the federal poverty level. Based on information provided by TennCare, this would increase the enrollee population by approximately 280,000 individuals.
- Since the block grant will be in the amount of the current federal funding level, either additional state funds will be necessary to provide current benefit levels to the expanded population; or the benefit structure for all enrollees will have to be altered in order to provide services to the expanded population at the current funding levels.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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