

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Reps. Sheppard, Bellino, VanSingel, LaFave, Marino, Bollin, Wakeman, Glenn, Green, Rendon and Webber offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution to urge the United States Secretary of
2 Health and Human Services to appeal the federal court ruling
3 invalidating the waiver for Michigan's Medicaid work requirements,
4 defend the waiver, and uphold its intended purpose of encouraging
5 self-sufficiency.

6 Whereas, In 2018, Governor Rick Snyder signed into law
7 workforce engagement requirements for Michigan's Medicaid expansion
8 program, the Healthy Michigan Plan. Michigan subsequently received
9 approval for a waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
10 Services, allowing the state to move forward with implementation of



1 the requirements; and

2 Whereas, The intent of the legislation was to "assist,
3 encourage, and prepare an able-bodied adult for a life of self-
4 sufficiency and independence from government interference." To
5 maintain health insurance coverage, the act requires Healthy
6 Michigan Plan beneficiaries to report an average of at least 80
7 hours monthly of work or other qualifying activities or meet the
8 criteria for an exemption; and

9 Whereas, The Healthy Michigan Plan work requirements went into
10 effect on January 1, 2020, but a ruling by a federal judge
11 invalidated the waiver for the work requirements on March 4, 2020,
12 blocking its enforcement; and

13 Whereas, Maintaining a strong workforce engagement policy for
14 government-funded health care is integral to ensuring the
15 responsible stewardship of public funds. Hardworking taxpayers
16 expect able-bodied adults receiving government assistance to work
17 or otherwise be on the path to achieving self-sufficiency.
18 Encouraging people to find a job or pursue activities that improve
19 work readiness, such as education or job training, is beneficial to
20 the state of Michigan as a whole. Work requirements hold Healthy
21 Michigan Plan beneficiaries accountable and help them reach their
22 full potential as productive citizens of this state; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
25 concurring), That we urge the United States Secretary of Health and
26 Human Services to appeal the federal court ruling invalidating the
27 waiver for Michigan's Medicaid work requirements, defend the
28 waiver, and uphold its intended purpose of encouraging self-
29 sufficiency; and be it further



1 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
2 United States Secretary of Health and Human Services and the
3 Michigan congressional delegation.

