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S. C. R. No. 5

Senator Koehler

Cosponsors: Senators Schaffer, Lang, Brenner

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the President of the United States to support the 1
Ohio Department of Medicaid's request to implement 2
work requirements for certain Medicaid recipients. 3

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly required the 4
Medicaid Director to seek approval from the United States 5
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to impose work 6
requirements for certain Medicaid recipients; and 7

WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Medicaid and Medicaid 8
Director submitted to CMS in April 2018 a "Group VIII Work 9
Requirement and Community Engagement 1115 Demonstration Waiver 10
Application" to authorize the state to require all new adult 11
expansion group beneficiaries, ages 19 through 49, with certain 12
exemptions, to participate in and timely report 80 hours per 13
month of qualifying community engagement activities, such as 14
employment, education, or job skills training, as a condition of 15
continued Medicaid eligibility; and 16

WHEREAS, CMS approved the request in March 2019, but before 17
the Section 1115 demonstration waiver could be implemented, CMS 18
withdrew its approval in August 2021; and 19

WHEREAS, H.B 33 of the 135th General Assembly requires the Medicaid Director, between February 1, 2025, and March 1, 2025, to apply to CMS for a new approval to implement work requirements for the Medicaid expansion eligibility group; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Medicaid and Medicaid Director recently published a Public Notice and Request for Comment on a "Group VIII 1115 Demonstration Waiver Application" intended for submission to CMS in February 2025; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine has stated that implementing Medicaid work requirements is consistent with the state's goal to empower all people to reach their full potential and its responsibility to ensure that as many Ohioans as possible are on a pathway to financial independence; and

WHEREAS, According to the Department of Medicaid, in addition to promoting economic stability and financial independence, implementing Medicaid work requirements will improve health outcomes by encouraging individuals to be engaged with their health and health care; and

WHEREAS, Adding work requirements to the Medicaid program would ensure that Medicaid recipients continue to maintain existing employable skills or develop and improve employable skills; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the President of the United States to support the Department of Medicaid's request to impose work requirements for certain Medicaid recipients; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Administrator of CMS, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.