

Wyoming Liberty Index

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HB0084, Medicaid expansion-limited benefits.

Sponsors: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee

Comments

Medicaid expansion under a different name. Let's see an alternative that doesn't involve federal money and federal strings.

A: This bill contains an appropriation of \$156,700,000 from the FEDERAL FUNDS to the Department of Health. This appropriation is effective immediately. This bill expands Medicaid programs and benefits in order to take advantage of the availability of funds from the national government. This is an example of the national government using monies stolen from the People to expand authority over powers not awarded to the national government by the Constitution. Governmental centralization is always inimical to Liberty. Ignoring the provisions of the Constitutions of the USA or of the State of Wyoming almost always promotes the centralization of governmental power and damages Liberty. The intent to improve the healthcare of as many citizens as possible is commendable, but its delivery thru a system that effectively provides the national bureaucracy monopoly control over large components of the healthcare system is guaranteed to make healthcare either totally ineffective or financially ruinous in the long run. A solution that would be less Constitutionally problematic would be a state-organized and funded healthcare compact over which the national government might be accorded some authority as the ultimate arbiter or referee (perhaps thru the judicial system). Rather than petrifying healthcare under the fossiliferous weight of a government bureaucracy, a more flexible and cost effective system would likely be realized under a healthcare voucher system that could be used to purchase direct healthcare, health insurance, and/or be deposited to healthcare savings accounts depending on the needs and priorities of each individual voucher recipient.

Weighted Rating: -2.00. Unweighted Rating: 1.00.

Categories

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