

RESOLUTION OPPOSING MEDICAID EXPANSION

IN THE

STATE OF GEORGIA

Whereas, Medicaid expansion is an expansion of Obamacare; and

Whereas, Medicaid has covered aged, blind, or disabled persons and low-income single-parent families, but the Affordable Care Act expanded eligibility to include an additional 650,000 able-bodied adults under the age of 65 to the State of Georgia's Medicaid roles; and

Whereas, Georgia already provides \$3 billion annually in healthcare services through Medicaid to one-in-six Georgians thus financing 60% of all births in the state; and

Whereas, Medicaid in Georgia has already increased in cost by 40% over the last 10 years with further increases in the income threshold expansion in Medicaid would accelerate the cost increase, thus squeezing all other uses of state dollars; and

Whereas, The number of healthcare providers willing to accept Medicaid patients is decreasing due to poor reimbursement rates thus reaffirming that Medicaid is a broken healthcare delivery model where multiple studies confirm the Medicaid healthcare delivery model shows no improvement in health outcomes for patients; and

Whereas, Congress may not continue the higher Federal share of the expansion it promises, given the staggering 19+-trillion-dollar Federal debt that Medicaid expansion will be responsible for growing; and

Whereas, States that have expanded Medicaid with a so called 'Red State' solution or "Arkansas model" offer window dressing to disguise the expansion of Obamacare with a more expensive plan with no work requirements and little personal responsibility or self-reliance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Georgia Republican Party does not support expansion of Medicaid in the State of Georgia; and therefore be it

Resolved, That the Georgia Republican Party asks that all Republican Legislators in the Georgia General Assembly to cease pursuing all efforts to expand Medicaid under Obamacare through any federal waivers; and be it further

Resolved, That Republican Legislators in the General Assembly show their continued support of responsible state budgeting by publicly voting against and aggressively oppose any expansionary form of Medicaid pursuant to the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) in the State of Georgia.

Upon passage of this resolution at the State Convention or by State Committee we request this resolution shall be posted for a minimum of five years on the GAGOP website in a readily accessible location as a downloadable document.