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Medicaid Expansion Push Begins Again

Peace. House and Senate Democrats filed bills to expand Medicaid in North Carolina. 39 other states have already done so and not one has changed its mind.

Why is it such an obvious step to take?

First, follow the money. Under the new federal American Rescue Plan, North Carolina would receive \$1.7 billion to expand Medicaid. That is *extra money* on top of the many billions of federal dollars we would draw down by expanding Medicaid.

Second, 600,000 North Carolinians would gain health insurance coverage. We know a quarter-million have lost coverage during the pandemic. So this is a big deal.

Third, health insurance premium increases for everyone will be reduced. This is what has happened in other states. Why? Right now, the uninsured delay treatment until seeking it at the most expensive place possible – the Emergency Room. Hospitals absorb those costs and pass them down to insured patients. Reduce these costs and everyone benefits.

Fourth, the billions of federal dollars that come to North Carolina create health

care jobs in our state, particularly in rural areas and with local hospitals. More jobs means more economic activity – which helps small businesses and local governments.

Medicaid Expansion is a win-win-win-win deal for North Carolina citizens and taxpayers. I am proud to support these bills and will work to help them become law.

Important Bills Filed This Week

The North Carolina House of Representatives has a bill filing deadline of May 4 for most bills and May 11 for revenue and spending bills. Here are some important bills filed this week:

Redistricting Criteria for 2021 ([HB 495](#))

- Gerrymandering is a threat to our democracy. People should pick their representatives and not the other way around.
- HB 495 establishes redistricting criteria that prioritizes preserving communities of interest and prevents partisan gerrymandering.

Recovery Rebate for Working Families ([HB 499](#))

- Creates an earned income tax credit to help working families during a time of rising costs for housing, child care, and food.
- HB 499 puts money directly in the pockets of working families.

- **Regulating Dangerous PFAS Compounds in Our Water ([HB 501](#), [HB 502](#), [HB 503](#))**

- PFAS chemicals in our water can damage public health.
- These bills ban PFAS, begin cleaning up PFAS pollution, and study the problem so we can learn more about PFAS' impact.

NC Health Pregnancy Act ([HB 505](#)) and NC Healthy Pregnancy Act ([HB 514](#))

- Prohibit discrimination against pregnant women in the workplace.
- Allows a woman discriminated against to recover damages in court.

Polluter Pays ([HB 506](#))

- A person or entity who causes pollution in our water would be responsible for the costs of cleanup.
- HB 506 holds polluters accountable when they cause public harm to our water resources.

NC Momnibus Act ([HB 507](#))

- A recent study found most maternal deaths were preventable and bias against mms of color contribute to more deaths for those moms and

- babies.
- HB 507 changes state law and creates a grant program and Task Force to add the problems of implicit bias and improve health outcomes for moms and babies.

STI Funding for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements ([HB 511](#))

- Allows the use of state STI transportation funds to be used for bicycle and pedestrian transportation improvements.
- Transportation improvements are not just about roads and highways, but also about healthier and more enviro-friendly ways of moving around.

Raise Dropout Age to 18 ([HB 516](#))

- Raises compulsory school attendance age from 16 to 18.
- It is critical for students to stay in school to complete a degree or certification.

2021 Safe Drinking Water Act ([HB 521](#))

- Requires the Commission for Public Health to establish maximum contaminant levels for chemicals that are known carcinogens or otherwise toxic.
- Our water must be safe and clean in all neighborhoods in North Carolina.

North Carolina's COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Opens for All Adults

Anyone 16 years and older who wants a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination is now eligible to get one.

North Carolina continues to focus on distributing vaccines quickly and equitably. To date, the state has administered over 5.5 million doses.

State health officials are continuing to monitor the presence of COVID-19 and its more contagious variants in North Carolina, which is why it is important to continue to follow the state's mask mandate and practice safety precautions, including the **Three Ws—wear a mask, wait 6 feet apart, and wash hands often.**

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