The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Medicaid and Medicaid Work Requirements
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Whereas, The third legislative priority of the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) reads:

"Minimize BlueCross BlueShield premiums through legislation with a substantial nexus to student health care affordability;"

Whereas, Of those covered by Montana’s Medicaid program, 6% - 10% (5,675 - 9,360) are Montana college & university\(^1\);

Whereas, A work requirement for enrollment in Medicaid would exclude many full-time students who do not work;

Whereas, An unofficial draft of LC 1251 sponsored by Representative Buttrey includes an exemption from the work requirement to “students enrolled in a postsecondary institution that does not offer a health care plan to students;”

Whereas, All units of the Montana University System offers a health care plan to their students;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, ASUM advocates for the expansion of the Montana Medicaid program;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, ASUM opposes a Medicaid work requirement for students of the Montana University System.

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Betsy Story,    Mariah Welch,
Student Political Action Chair    Chair of the Senate

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\(^1\) George Washington University report, *Potential Effects of Work Requirements on Montana’s Medicaid System*