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Last week the Michigan state Senate passed the bill to expand Medicaid coverage in the state. The legislation (previously passed by the House) would expand Medicaid eligibility to 133% of the poverty level, as provided in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("ACA"). The measure will now go back to House for a vote on some changes made by the Senate.

The Senate vote came after a months-long push by Governor Rick Snyder, supported by Democrats, hospital providers, major business groups, labor, and other organizations. Supporters have said increasing Medicaid eligibility would help the uninsured by making more than 400,000 more residents eligible, and would help provide access to care in more appropriate and cost-effective settings than hospital emergency rooms.

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