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LEGISLATIVE Alert

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Governor Walker Unilaterally Expands Medicaid!

Gov. Bill Walker says Alaska will be the 30th state to accept Medicaid expansion.

Watch the press conference here:

<http://www.ktoo.org/2015/07/16/gov-walker-hold-medicaid-expansion-press-conference/>

In Addition to Federal Funds, Walker Accepts Funding from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to Expand Medicaid in Alaska.

Walker said he was using a mechanism to fund the expansion which has already been employed seven times in the state's history. He told a reporter that the last hurdles for expansion would be cleared by Sept. 1, at the latest. Read more here:

<http://www.ktuu.com/news/news/walker-unilaterally-announces-plans-for-alaska-medicaid-expansion/34202234>

Alaska's Medicaid Expansion Plan Makes National News

Walker's plan in Alaska could face resistance from GOP state lawmakers, even with the legislature currently out of session. The Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, which Walker notified of his plans on Thursday, operates even when the legislature isn't in session. The committee will have 45 days to endorse the plan, recommend against it or take no action, according to a press release from the governor's office. Walker said during the press conference that he had advised state Rep. Mike Hawker (R), the committee chairman, of his plans to unilaterally expand Medicaid earlier in the week. Read more here:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/07/16/alaska-medicaid-expansion_n_7794212.html

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