

Opinion: Would Nevadans pay higher taxes to cover Medicaid expansion?

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Nevada's Medicaid expansion has been getting a lot of love from Gov. Brian Sandoval, Sen. Dean Heller and others who want Washington to continue paying the bulk of the program's tab.

But if Nevada taxpayers had to pay the full cost of the expansion, it'd have less support than Harry Reid running for president of a Republican women's club.

Under Obamacare, the federal government paid the full cost of that expansion from 2014 to 2016. Nevada pays 5 percent of the costs in 2017 and by 2020 will pay 10 percent of the bill.

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