

Rules for Volunteer Circulators

1. To circulate a petition, you must:
 1. Be at least 18 years old.
 2. Have lived in South Dakota for at least 30 days.
 3. Not be a registered sex offender.
2. **Ask every potential signer, “Are you registered to vote in South Dakota?”**
 1. If “Yes!”, get signature!
 2. If “No,” can’t sign – **but you can offer to register them to vote and then they can sign!**
3. **Witness every signature.**
 1. Do not leave any petition sheet out on a table at work or at a county fair booth and walk away, letting people sign when you are not there to ask and witness.
 2. Do not hand your petition sheet to someone else to get a few signatures from people elsewhere.
 3. Do not hand your petition sheet to a buddy to collect signatures while you take a potty or smoke break.
4. **Never leave any signed petition sheet unattended.**
 1. Signatures are gold. Signatures are sacred. Always keep signed sheets in your hand, in your briefcase, in your file box, under your control.
 2. This advice isn’t law, but always keeping your petition sheets in your hands supports your oath that you witnessed every signature, that no one signed when you weren’t looking.
5. Signers must sign their own names.
6. Circulator may write the signer’s printed name, address, city, county of registration, and date of signing.
7. **Offer every signer a circulator handout.**
 1. Use the handout your sponsor provides or exact photocopies thereof.
 2. Circulator handout must include this information:
 1. AG’s title and explanation of measure;
 2. LRC’s fiscal note, if any;
 3. sponsor’s name, e-mail, and phone number;
 4. statement: is circulator VOLUNTEER or PAID?
 5. if paid, amount circulator is paid.
 3. Statute says you must “provide” this handout. At the very least, that means have the handout available and ask the signer if he/she wants one.
 4. Signer does not have to take the handout.
8. When you are done collecting signatures on a sheet (whether it’s full or not), take it to an officer who can administer oaths (usually notary public, but also county auditor, city finance officer...).
9. Print your name, residence address, city, and state on the petition sheet, in the “Verification” section.
 1. You can fill out this information before you get to the notary public.
10. **Sign your Verification oath in front of the notary public.**
11. Watch to make sure the notary does all of the following (notaries sometimes forget, and omission of any of these items will invalidate the whole sheet!):
 1. Signs
 2. Writes date of signing
 3. Writes his/her title (“Notary Public”, “County Auditor” ...)
 4. Writes expiration date of his/her commission.
12. **Collect no more signatures on a notarized sheet and return ASAP!**

Return completed and notarized petitions to:

Dakotans for Health

c/o Rick Weiland

1109 S. Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Medicaid Reform Talking Points

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1. South Dakota is one of 12 states that has yet to reform its Medicaid program to cover mostly low-income working families who currently have no health insurance coverage.
2. Reforming Medicaid would provide coverage for 42,500 of our fellow South Dakotans. Many of these people are working full-time jobs. They are our neighbors, family, and friends who struggle just to keep a roof over their head and food on the table.
3. The nonpartisan Legislative Research Council estimates that the total annual cost of reforming the state's Medicaid program in the first year of implementation would be \$301,800,000. The state's share of that cost would only be \$20,800,000.
4. South Dakota's spending will produce a 15-to-1 return on investment and coverage for 42,500 of our fellow citizens.
5. Other states that have reformed their Medicaid program are seeing their citizens live healthier and longer lives.
6. People who simply cannot afford health insurance and have no way to pay for their health care affect people who do have health insurance, as the cost of caring for the uninsured is shifted to the insured, resulting in higher premiums and copays.
7. Reforming South Dakota's Medicaid program is the right thing to do. It will save lives and shore up our ailing healthcare system, especially in the rural parts of our state where hospitals, clinics and long-term care facilities are struggling to keep their doors open.
8. Reforming Medicaid also makes economic sense. Hundreds of millions of our federal dollars coming back to our state every year will create new good-paying jobs and millions of dollars in new tax revenue.
9. Our neighboring states, including North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and Montana, have all reformed their Medicaid programs, providing health insurance to hundreds of thousands of previously uninsured citizens.

**Medicaid reform is long overdue in South Dakota –
42,500 insured and a 15-to-1 return on investment.**

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