



## On Your August 4<sup>th</sup> Primary Ballot, vote **NO** on Medicaid Expansion!

### Nine Things to Know About Missouri Right to Life's Opposition to Amendment 2 Medicaid Expansion

1. **Abortion is not health care.** It is wrong to ask the people to pay for more abortions as the price for expanding Medicaid coverage in Missouri, as Amendment 2 does.
2. **It's the wrong time to expand Medicaid** when the Hyde Amendment is under attack. If Amendment 2 is approved and the Hyde Amendment falls after that, Amendment 2 may double the number of surgical abortions that Medicaid would pay for in Missouri.
3. **Since the target population includes** adults without children, expanding Medicaid will greatly expand existing Medicaid payments for abortions that are caused by "morning after" pills.
4. **Medicaid is a program** for the state and the federal governments to pay health care providers. It is not a federal subsidy to the State Treasury. Nor is it "free money"—every taxpayer pays taxes to the federal government for the federal share as well as taxes to the state government for the State's share. And every payment of federal dollars toward Medicaid expenses must be matched by the State's percentage share of those expenses.
5. **Amendment 2 requires the State** to maximize the federal share of Medicaid dollars that are paid to Missouri health care providers. That means the State government cannot replace federal Medicaid programs with its own Missouri-funded programs that will not pay abortionists for non-abortion services (PP) or that are simply better than the federal programs.
6. **The provision for maximizing federal dollars** will also prevent the State from paying for lawyers (including the Attorney General's staff) to attempt to obtain protection for the unborn if the Hyde Amendment is ended. The Missouri legal cavalry would not save the day; they could not even saddle up to make the attempt.
7. **It is not surprising that Planned Parenthood** and other pro-abortion organizations are among Amendment 2's most active supporters. The Supreme Court of Missouri has recently ruled that the State cannot exclude Planned Parenthood from participating in Medicaid. Expanding Medicaid would shovel more money into Planned Parenthood's coffers just when Missouri has put the surgical abortion business on the ropes.
8. **Amendment 2 proposes** a state constitutional amendment that, if adopted, cannot be amended by the legislature, but only by another vote of the people. If the state's budget were unable to keep up with the new costs of Medicaid, the State Legislature could not change the program to reduce Medicaid expenses.
9. **The Missouri Department of Social Services**, the agency that manages Medicaid in Missouri, has estimated that the cost for the first year of expanded Medicaid services under Amendment 2 would be over \$2 billion dollars, of which the share owed by the State of Missouri would be over \$200 million. Where is the State going to get this money—especially since over \$400 million has had to be cut from this fiscal year's budget because of COVID-19?