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Medicaid expansion is the wrong approach for our state to increase access to quality, affordable health care. Missouri Amendment 2 would permanently expand Medicaid in Missouri through the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare. This Medicaid Expansion Initiative would only threaten taxpayers and further strain a broken Medicaid system and crowd out services for Missouri's most vulnerable citizens – those who need access to critical health care services the most during the current pandemic.

A budget-busting expansion of Medicaid would balloon state costs and threaten Missourians with new taxes, without bringing many benefits. In recent years, Medicaid expansion has cost states significantly more than previously anticipated, negatively affecting state budgets without providing quality care. Studies show Medicaid delivers worse care than private health insurance. Medicaid Expansion is expected to cost our state an additional \$349 million each year - causing a tax increase or cuts to other important programs.

This would happen at a time when Missouri faces a massive budget shortfall due to COVID-19. To fund the additional costs, tax hikes, and/or cuts to essential programs like education would be required.

- The proposed amendment is designed to increase the roll of persons entitled to Medicaid for their health coverage. Such maximization would enlarge the pool of persons who could obtain the abortion services that are allowed under Medicaid, especially if the Hyde Amendment were to be terminated, as many politicians are now demanding.
- The proposed amendment would require the State to maximize the federal share of Medicaid expenditures in Missouri, which would negate efforts to create pro-life health programs with the State's own money.
- The proposed Amendment would greatly increase the number of young adult women who would qualify for Medicaid payments for “morning after” pills. One federal Medicaid regulation provides for mandatory Medicaid payment of prescription drugs or devices "to prevent implantation of the fertilized ovum."
- The more that Medicaid is expanded, the more taxpayers' money is paid to Planned Parenthood and other abortionists.
- Abortion is not medical care, and it has no legitimate place in programs, such as Medicaid, that are supposed to address the health care needs of Missourians.
- A state constitutional amendment, if adopted, cannot be amended by the legislature, but only by another vote of the people.
- Medicaid fraud is already a major problem

- In 2019, Medicaid made nearly \$60 billion in fraudulent payouts across the country. In Missouri, Medicaid fraud is on the rise. The Missouri Attorney General reported \$25 million recovered from fraud in 2019 with 29 convictions (compared to \$9 million and six convictions in 2018).
- Medicaid Expansion won't help save rural hospitals. A 2019 analysis found that expansion's net effect on hospital finances was close to zero.
- A "one-size-fits-all" government solution that creates massive strains on taxpayers and takes away health care options for patients is a failed approach.