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WHY MEDICAID REFORM MATTERS FOR MISSOURI HOSPITALS ...

- They will incur **\$4 BILLION** in federal payment cuts from 2013-2019 to help pay for additional health insurance coverage.
- They continue to absorb the escalating costs of treating uninsured patients — **\$1.2 BILLION** in 2012.
- They are making difficult decisions to absorb these financial losses.
 - › **Two** rural hospitals have closed.
 - › Hospitals have laid off employees, implemented hiring freezes, delayed and canceled capital improvement projects and have closed, or are considering closing service lines.
- **Insuring more individuals through Medicaid reform would help offset these losses.**

WHY MEDICAID REFORM MATTERS FOR MISSOURI COMMUNITIES ...

- **300,000 uninsured adults** — friends, family and neighbors — would be newly eligible for Medicaid. (**Three out of four uninsured Missourians are in a working family.**)
- **72,972 Missouri women** would have new access to life-saving mammography screenings.
- **30,000 uninsured Missouri veterans** and **22,000 of their family members** would be newly eligible for Medicaid.
- **Health care access in rural communities is at risk.** The majority of Missouri's rural hospitals are sole community providers/critical access hospitals — providing the only available care in some areas and economic benefits as they are often the largest employer. **Two rural hospitals have closed.**
- Expanded access to health insurance would allow Missouri to begin to address its poor health status and outcomes — **currently 39th in the nation.**
- Research has linked health insurance coverage to improved individual health, population health, workforce productivity and financial health.

WHY MEDICAID REFORM MATTERS ...

- If nothing is done, the “hidden health care tax” is projected to shift an additional **\$1.1 BILLION** to the private health insurance market from 2012-2021.
- Forgoing Medicaid reform eliminates federal payments to the state by **\$18.8 BILLION** between 2015 and 2022. (**When a large infusion of dollars comes into the state's economy, jobs are created.**)
- Missouri's tax dollars are being used to reform Medicaid in states that opt to expand Medicaid — **while Missourians receive NOTHING in return.**



The federal government will provide 100 percent of the program costs for the first three years. (We've already missed out on two years of funding!) Beginning in 2017, states will pay a small percentage each year until 2020 when they would pay 10 percent of the cost.

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