



## Advocacy Alert: February 16, 2022

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### Oppose HJR 117!

The Missouri House of Representatives is considering HJR 117 (Smith - R, Carthage), a bill which would effectively repeal the voters' decision to expand Medicaid.

Healthcare for Missouri is the coalition that educated voters on the need to expand the state's Medicaid eligibility requirements as prescribed in Amendment 2 on the August 2020 ballot. Missouri voters put Medicaid expansion into Missouri's state constitution by that public vote of 53.25% to 46.75%. The group issued the statement below regarding today's vote in the Missouri House of Representatives:

"Today's vote runs afoul of efforts to provide Missourians with lifesaving healthcare and it shows a lack of regard for the will of voters who approved Amendment 2 a year and a half ago. It's time to focus on enrolling eligible Missourians in Medicaid and stop playing political games with this critical benefit."

HJR 117 would allow the legislature to determine whether or not to fund expanded Medicaid and to place work reporting requirements on those in the expansion population. These busy work requirements create extra bureaucratic barriers and may cause Medicaid recipients to lose their health care.

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**Please email your representative and urge them to vote NO on HJR 117**

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