

SUPPORT MEDICAID EXPANSION ON AUGUST 4 VOTE YES ON AMENDMENT 2

The League of Women Voters of Missouri supports Medicaid Expansion as a practical and highly effective means of addressing emergency and chronic health issues, poor health outcomes and marked health inequities in Missouri with no added cost to the state.

Medicaid is a lifeline that keeps millions living above the poverty threshold.

Having a source to help with health care expenses is critical to maintaining a healthy and productive life.

Medicaid Expansion will bring:

- ★ Access to health insurance and health care to more than **230,000** additional Missourians.
- ★ Reduction in the number of low-income Americans with medical debt.
- ★ Families will be able to balance costs for health with other necessities.

Goal: To bring access to health care and greater economic security for low-income households by making health-care affordable, reducing financial strain, and protecting against catastrophic medical cost and medical debt.

By not expanding Medicaid, Missouri has turned away \$15.5 billion dollars since 2014.

University research shows Medicaid Expansion will not cost the state additional money.

- ★ Thousands of new jobs in supporting health care.
- ★ Nearly \$2 billion dollars a year in economic activity.
- ★ Reduction of risk of hospital closure.
- ★ Medicaid in Missouri is revenue neutral and could create a cost savings of about \$39 million.

States who have expanded Medicaid have not increased costs and are very satisfied with their decision to expand Medicaid.

States across the political spectrum have experienced cost savings. Financial benefits after expanding Medicaid which help to support additional health care needs and other important other budget needs.

Now more than ever, Medicaid Expansion is critical for timely accessible, affordable health care for Missouri.

For more information, go to lwmissouri.org or MissouriHealthCareforAll.org.

