

FACT SHEET

HOW AMENDMENT 2 BENEFITS MISSOURI'S HEALTH AND BOTTOM LINE

THE BASICS

Expanding Medicaid will deliver healthcare to individuals who earn less than \$18,000 while bringing more than \$1 billion of our tax dollars home from Washington every year¹ — money that's now going to 36 other states like California, Arkansas, Indiana, and New York.² It will protect frontline healthcare jobs³ and help keep endangered rural hospitals open⁴ to ensure that all Missourians have access to emergency care.

HELPS KEEP RURAL HOSPITALS OPEN

Since 2014 alone, 10 rural hospitals in Missouri have shuttered their doors and closed for good,⁵ forcing people to drive longer distances to reach a hospital when suffering from a heart attack or another medical emergency. An additional 26 Missouri hospitals are considered “vulnerable to closure.”⁶ Medicaid expansion will help keep rural hospitals open.⁷

BRINGS OUR TAX DOLLARS HOME FROM WASHINGTON

Right now, we're sending billions of our tax dollars to Washington and paying for healthcare in other states instead of investing in our communities and economy here in Missouri. Amendment 2 would return more than a billion of our tax dollars from Washington, D.C., every year.⁸ In addition to providing healthcare, those funds would boost the local economy,⁹ help keep rural hospitals open,¹⁰ and protect frontline healthcare worker jobs at a time when they are needed most.¹¹

PAYS FOR ITSELF

Independent studies, including a recent analysis from the state auditor,¹² have concluded that annual savings in the state budget resulting from Medicaid expansion are expected to reach \$1.013 billion by 2026.¹³

Missouri is currently responsible for a greater share of healthcare costs than under Medicaid expansion.¹⁴ Among the existing Medicaid recipients who would qualify for higher federal reimbursements: expectant mothers, people with disabilities, and women diagnosed through breast and cervical cancer screening programs.¹⁵ For example, instead of paying 35 percent for a pregnant woman already eligible for Medicaid, the state would pay 10 percent under Medicaid expansion.¹⁶

Other states have saved money through Medicaid expansion, including Arkansas, where officials report using Medicaid expansion savings of more than \$400 million over three years to cut state income taxes and reduce payments previously allocated to the uninsured.¹⁷

GROWS OUR ECONOMY

In addition to protecting frontline healthcare jobs, Medicaid expansion will create more than 16,000 jobs a year on average, economic analysts project. Nearly 80 percent of the job growth would be outside of the healthcare industry with most of the new jobs generated outside the state's big cities. On a yearly average, Missouri would see a \$2.5 billion increase in economic output, a \$1.6 billion increase in gross domestic product and a \$1.1 billion increase in average personal income - or put another way, an extra \$500 on average for each Missouri household.¹⁸

DELIVERS HEALTHCARE TO HARDWORKING MISSOURIANS

Medicaid expansion will help about 230,000 hardworking Missourians who have jobs that don't come with health insurance — many of whom earn less than \$18,000.¹⁹ These Missourians make too much to qualify for Medicaid right now and too little to afford private insurance — a group that includes thousands of uninsured veterans,²⁰ working women who don't have access to preventative care,²¹ more than 50,000 parents and 18,000 near-retirees.²²

LETS THE VOTERS DECIDE

Medicaid expansion was placed on the ballot because Missourians collected signatures from nearly 350,000 voters — more than twice the number of signatures required.²³ After waiting nearly a decade for a healthcare solution, Missourians will finally get the chance to decide what's best. In 2018, voters in states like Utah, Idaho, and Nebraska all voted to expand Medicaid.²⁴

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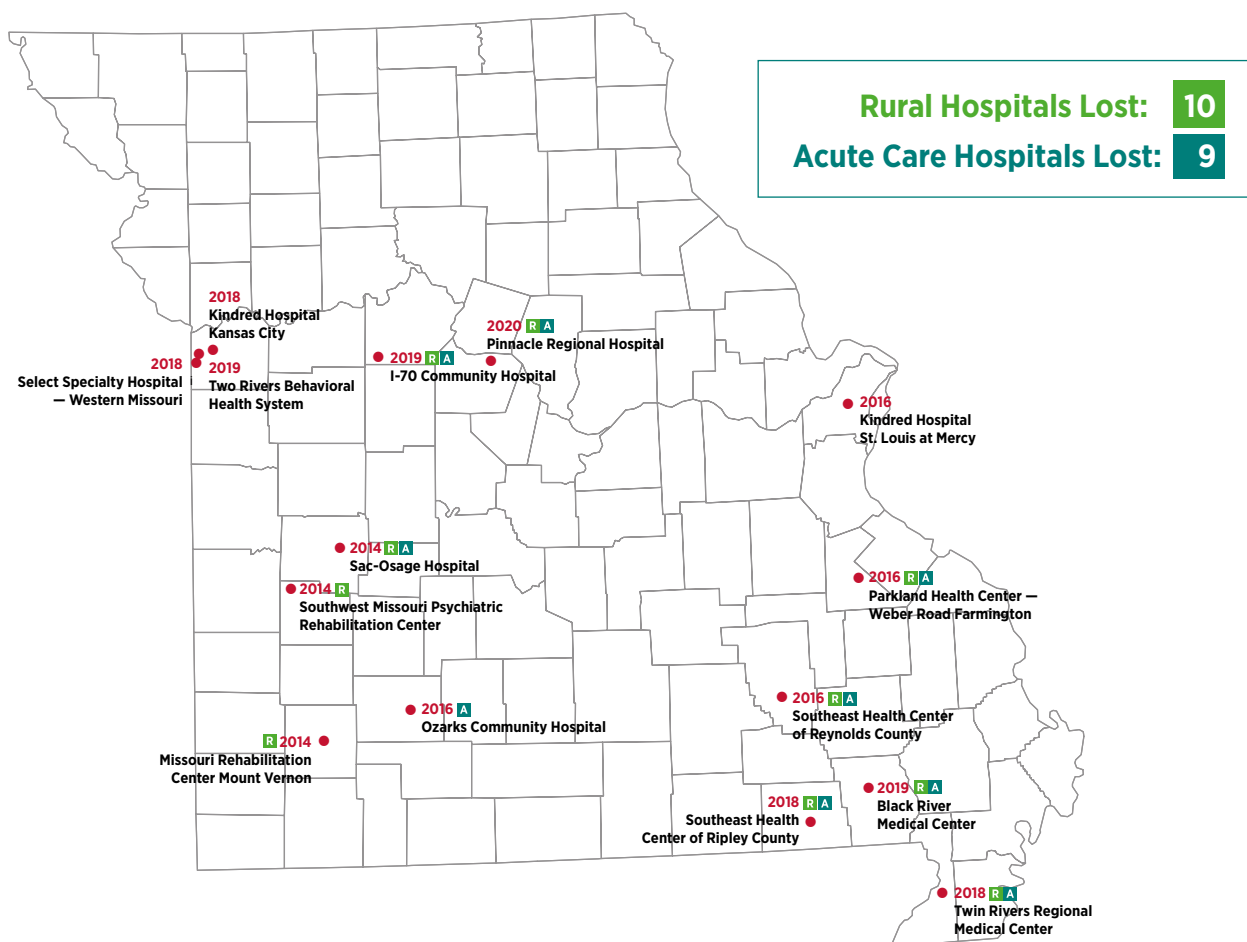
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15 Hospital Closures in Missouri

Since 2014



- Southwest Missouri Psychiatric Rehab Center, El Dorado Springs, in 2014 **R**
- Sac-Osage Hospital, Osceola, in 2014 **R A**
- Missouri Rehabilitation Center, Mount Vernon, in 2014 **R**
- Mineral Area Regional Medical Center, Farmington, **R A** 2016
- Southeast Health Center of Reynolds County, Ellington, in 2016 **R A**
- Ozarks Community Hospital, Springfield, in 2016 **A**
- Kindred Hospital St. Louis at Mercy, St. Louis, in 2016
- Kindred Hospital Kansas City, in 2018
- Select Specialty Hospital – Western Missouri, Kansas City (non-member), in 2018 **R A**
- Twin Rivers Regional Medical Center, Kennett, in 2018 **R A**
- Southeast Health Center of Ripley County, Doniphan, in 2018
- Two Rivers Behavioral Health System, Kansas City **R A** in 2019
- Black River Medical Center, Poplar Bluff, in 2019 **R A**
- I-70 Community Hospital, Sweet Springs, in 2020 **R A**
- Pinnacle Regional Hospital, Boonville, in 2020