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STATEMENT

Senate President Pro Tem Michael R. Gibbons Challenges Medicaid Reform Commission Members to Create New Healthcare Delivery System

"I challenge the members of the Medicaid Reform Commission to wipe the slate clean and not accept 'no' as an answer when exploring new avenues in determining what system provides the best care for our state's most vulnerable people while being accountable to taxpayers.

I appreciate the time and work the members are dedicating to developing a healthcare system to replace the current Medicaid system that will provide participants with the right care, at the right time, right place and right cost.

This is an exciting time as Missouri will stand as a leader in creating a system that works for the people of Missouri first. By defining who our most vulnerable population is and providing them with access to quality healthcare, Missouri can be a model for other states as well as the federal government."

-President Pro Tem Michael R. Gibbons