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## **Senate's Endorsement of Additional Funding for Medicaid to Benefit Jefferson County Residents**

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Bill Alter, R-High Ridge, today commended his fellow lawmakers for recently approving an additional \$144 million to go toward Medicaid during the current budget year. This supplemental spending is part of House Bill 1014 and will cover the costs not included in the \$19.2 billion budget passed last year.

The Department of Social Service estimates that approximately 23,000 individuals in Jefferson County accessed Medicaid benefits in January.

“Without this measure, Medicaid recipients in Jefferson County might have experienced a break in services,” Alter said. “Its passage will ensure that Medicaid providers are reimbursed for their services, and Jefferson County’s most vulnerable citizens will have uninterrupted access to state-funded health care.”

Because the Senate’s proposed appropriation is higher than that allocated by the House in the original bill, delegates from the two legislative chambers will soon meet in a conference committee to iron out the differences.

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