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Support of HB 1742

Restoring Health Care to 3,100 Disabled Missourians

JEFFERSON CITY — This statement is from Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, about House Bill 1742, sponsored by Rep. Chuck Portwood, R-Ballwin. The legislation would restore and improve health-care coverage for more than 3,100 disabled Missourians through the Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities (MAWD) program.

“I worked last year to root out waste, fraud and abuse in Medicaid so Missouri taxpayers would not pay for the benefits of people who do not qualify for them. This session, the General Assembly is starting with a clean slate so we can rebuild the Medicaid system from the ground up. As part of our reform efforts, HB 1742 increases the efficiency of MAWD and promotes labor independence by providing those who qualify with incentives to work more hours, earn more money and pay less for medical services. I support this measure, because I support hardworking disabled Missourians and their right to accessible affordable health care.”