***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Interim Medicaid Committee**

The [Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Medicaid Accountability and Taxpayer Protection](https://www.senate.mo.gov/simt/) meets for the first time.

Senator Bill White of Joplin chairs the panel. He says he is reviewing legal aspects of Medicaid-related legislation in other states…

 **White :06 Q: haven’t been removed.**

Senator White also says lawmakers cannot legislate toward, or against, a certain entity.

Senator Karla May of St. Louis, who also serves on the committee, says this group could be responsible for legislation that would be considered next year…

 **May :07 Q: there’s Medicaid fraud.**

The 10-member Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Medicaid Accountability and Taxpayer Protection was created after lawmakers did not opt to fully fund Medicaid expansion this year, but before a judge ruled the state has no funding mechanism, after a ballot question received majority support last year.

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