***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Interim Medicaid Committee**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the first hearing conducted by the [Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Medicaid Accountability and Taxpayer Protection](https://www.senate.mo.gov/simt/)…

**Nat Snd :06 Q: Knodell, Acting Director….**

The panel met for the first time last week.

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

**White 1 :23 Q: haven’t been removed.**

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

**May 1 :11 Q: there’s Medicaid fraud.**

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

**White 2 :21 Q: Parenthood approach, no.**

Senator May says she agrees the Legislature should not be creating new rules that favor one side over another…

**May 2 :10 Q: system on everybody.**

Senator Mike Cierpiot of Lee’s Summit also serves on the panel. He says committee members need a full understanding of Medicaid in order to proceed…

**Cierpiot :05 Q: rising so quickly.**

Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City is another who serves on this panel. She says Medicaid goes toward numerous medical services…

**Arthur :09 Q: inducing an abortion.**

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.

The panel is expected to meet again in early August. It will wrap up its work sometime before the end of the year.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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