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

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

**Nat Snd :02 Q: Interim Committee on….**

The panel took public testimony last week.

Senator Bill White of Joplin, who chairs the committee, says this panel is reviewing things in stages…

**White 1 :10 Q: than just this.**

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says she would like for this panel to differentiate between the medical services requested…

**Schupp 1 :09 Q: reproductive health care (2x).**

Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City says this committee is looking at organizations affiliated with abortion providers…

**Arthur :12 Q: to abortion counseling?**

Senator Karla May of St. Louis says they need a clear definition of “provider”…

**May :08 Q: counseling for abortion.**

Senator White goes on to say…

**White 2 :14 Q: a specific entity.**

He says there is a defined scope of action for this panel…

**White 3 :05 Q: entity out there.**

Senator Schupp says they need to be precise with the word “defund” and how it would be done…

**Schupp 2 :12 Q: that they’re doing.**

Senator White also says federal law currently bans tax dollars from funding abortions…

**White 4 :20 Q: is their plan.**

The Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Medicaid Accountability and Taxpayer Protection has a December deadline for filing a report…

**Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: (sfx fade)**

Also this week, Missourians stopped to recognize the 200th birthday of the Show-Me State, which officially happened on Aug. 10. Festivities included unveiling a commemorative stamp and a naturalization ceremony at the Capitol.

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).

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.