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

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

**Nat Snd :02 Q: to go over….**

The panel met for the third time on Sept. 23.

The committee issued its first report detailing recommendations related to abortion providers and their family planning affiliates through MO HealthNet.

Senator Bill White of Joplin is the committee chair…

 **White 1 :07 Q: for the rulemaking.**

The panel suggested regulatory changes within the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Department of Social Services to allow the departments to collaborate and work together to share information uncovered during investigations of abortion facilities.

But committee member, Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City, says she has concerns…

 **Arthur 1 :18 Q: fill that gap.**

The committee also recommended changes in state law to provide Social Services with the ability to consider the behavior of a MO HealthNet provider in another state as grounds for sanctions or termination if such behavior would disqualify the provider from serving as a MO HealthNet provider in Missouri.

Again, Sen. White…

 **White 2 :22 Q: to natural death.**

The recommendations allow Health and Senior Services to share the information it uncovers during inspections and investigations of these facilities. The committee also directed Social Services to tighten up its licensure standards and consider violations of any state law or regulation when determining whether a provider is qualified and fit to be a MO HealthNet provider.

Senator Arthur says she wonders how this would shape future health care funding…

 **Arthur 2 :19 Q: not comfortable with.**

The Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Medicaid Accountability and Taxpayer Protection plans to release a second report later in the year, outlining its recommendations for increasing transparency within the state’s Medicaid program, in addition to other MO HealthNet reform measures.

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