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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the latest regarding an interim committee…

**Nat Snd :04 Q: we will circulate….**

The [Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Medicaid Accountability and Taxpayer Protection](https://www.senate.mo.gov/simt/) has been meeting often during the past few months.

When the panel most recently met, on Oct. 20, chair — Sen. Bill White of Joplin — talked about the idea of creating a Medicaid dashboard…

 **White :30 Q: their programs are.**

Senator Karla Eslinger of Wasola, who also serves on the committee, says she is seeing issues at rural hospitals…

 **Eslinger :26 Q: very difficult situations.**

Committee member, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur, says there are limits to what hospitals can do…

 **Schupp 1 :30 Q: have this discussion.**

She adds she believes it is time to upgrade technology across the board…

 **Schupp 2 :27 Q: very silo’d manner.**

The Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Medicaid Accountability and Taxpayer Protection has already released one report, with a final report expected sometime soon. The panel has until the end of the year to wrap up any remaining work before it would be dissolved.

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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