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The proposed Medicaid Expansion is fiscally irresponsible and irresponsible to those who are already on the current broken system. The fairy tale of "free" federal government money paying 100% of the cost is just that, a fairy tale. The cost to Missouri taxpayers will be over \$175m on the unlikely low end and nearly \$2b on the more likely high end. The Medicaid program is notorious for under estimating costs and enrollees. It's also false that Missouri's Medicaid money will be spent elsewhere. Medicaid dollars are allotted by number of recipients and services. Each state will get "paid" in that way regardless of what Missouri does. In fact, by not expanding Medicaid, Missouri will not be contributing to the federal debt since about 46% of the federal \$\$'s are borrowed. There are other solutions to the bad financial deal hospitals negotiated with Obamacare. Finally, there is scant, reliable evidence that Medicaid improves health care outcomes. The Oregon Health Insurance Experiment demonstrated that health care outcomes showed little improvement but utilization and costs significantly increased. Attached is more information about why Missouri should not expand Medicaid. 

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