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Insure Missouri

Thanks to some of our articulate readers, here are a few comments that came in about the new "Insure Missouri" program. Some were very interesting and I learned a lot from reading them. I took care to remove names and specific details. While we didn't have the space to print all of the letters this week, we will try to include some more next week.

If you have heard about this in the news lately, it is a proposal to offer medical insurance to all low income Missouri residents. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me about whether you think this is a move the right direction. Through productive dialogue we can all gain a broader understanding. I always love to get honest opinions based upon logic and philosophy of government. For more information on this program you can [click here](#)

To Representative Davis:

I read in the St. Louis Post Dispatch about Missouri's new health care program that is going to pick up the insurance premiums for families at or below the poverty level. It looks like, we the people, pick up the tab for the entire premium and the families pay only 3 dollars for office visits and prescription drugs. My question is, how long is this entitlement good for? Is there a time limit each family can be on it (like 5 years) or is it endless? The other question is, it really does look like a good program, but how do we keep people from other states coming across the state line, setting up residence, and then we pick up the tab for them also?

I know we have to take care of other people, but it looks like we are going toward national health care (next year Gov. Blunt wants to pick up the tab for families 185 percent above the poverty line). In all honesty, Is this really the intent of the bill? 185 percent means the wage earner is making a little over \$18 dollars an hour. That is a pretty good wage, why must we continue to pick up the tab for people

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who refuse to live within their means. If they can't afford a family on \$18 dollars an hour, why can't they make a common sense decision and don't have kids. I hate to sound non caring, but our society has gotten out of hand by thinking they are entitled to everything, and then they can't afford it and they coming running for the government to help them.

Dear Cynthia,

I know I am probably in the minority when I, a person who will become eligible to receive state aid, say I do not like it. For all of my married life, except for our four years in the military, we have not had medical insurance. I have never missed it. Except for the one born while we were in the military we did not have insurance for our other children, but we were able to use the wonderful clinics that the local hospitals provided for us. This changed with our last two children when the state made it easier for pregnant women and children to get state aid. Suddenly I was denied care at these clinics because I was eligible for the new state aid. I had three options- come up with a lot more money than I had expected to pay and didn't have, go on our own and have a home birth (which my husband wasn't comfortable with) or accept state aid. Needless to say, we went on state aid. After giving birth all of the other children were also put on, since help for them was diminishing as well. My husband and I do not have insurance, but again there are wonderful clinics that we get to go to that do wonderful jobs. Even though we do not agree, the government considers us poor because of our large family. We will lose our clinics and be forced to take state aid if this passes. I hate to see Christian hospitals and medical personal denied the opportunity to be Christians, and help those in need. This is not the job of our government, but our churches and our people. This reminds me of when our eldest son was in the cub scouts and I was his den mother. That year they decided that women should be allowed to be boy scout leaders and not just cub scout leaders. Taking the responsibility away from the men gave them the opportunity to pass the training of their sons to the women and very few men stepped up to share where they no longer were forced to. I hate to see this mistake made again. Everyone needs the opportunity to help others, sometimes even when we are forced to because no one else will.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my feelings.

To Representative Davis:

Nowhere in the constitution does it say people have the right to have other people pay for their health care. I would think adequate health care would be one of the incentives to pay attention in school and get a good job and not be a burden on someone else.

But, if you have to have something like this I agree that the private sector should get the money. I certainly would not want

to trust health care to the folks who brought us the IRS and the license bureau.

Productive dialogue is one of the secrets of having a free government. I thank all of those who wrote me for all of your contributions to this public debate.

New District 19 Directories Available

I recently mailed out a district directory to the residents of District 19. Once in awhile, there is a possibility that one could have slipped through the cracks. If you did not receive yours and would like one, please contact my office and we will try to get one for you. Also, if you have suggestions for improvements for next year let me know. You can contact me through my web site at www.cynthiadavis.net or use my e-mail at cynthia.davis@house.mo.gov

Current State Talk



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State Talk airs on Mondays at 7:30pm and Thursdays at 8:00pm on the St. Peters cable access channel 18. We talk about State issues that are rarely reported elsewhere.

Joke of the Day...

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*Question: What is the difference between an HMO doctor
and a seagull?*

*Answer: The Seagull can make a significant deposit on a
Mercedes.*

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