

ADVOCACY ALERT



CONTACT YOUR MO STATE SENATOR TODAY!

Dear St. Louis Arc Families,

Tell your State Senator to vote NO on Senate Bill 28.

Please help the St. Louis Arc send a clear message to the Missouri Senate that altering Missouri's Medicaid program would leave seniors, people with disabilities, those with serious mental illness, and children who depend on Medicaid at risk. More information is below.



As always, we are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Keeley

President & CEO, St. Louis Arc

THE ISSUE

The Missouri Senate may soon vote on a bill that would dramatically alter Missouri's Medicaid program. These changes would leave seniors, people with disabilities, those with serious mental illness, and children who depend on Medicaid at risk.

Senate Bill 28 seeks to take federal funds for Medicaid services as a block grant (or a set, capped amount of funds).

- Block grants generally don't keep up with increased health care costs, so Medicaid is slowly cut over time.
- If an economic downturn, health epidemic, or changing demographics increase health care costs, Missouri won't get additional federal support.

- If Missouri's costs exceed the amount in the block grant, it will have to use its own funds to make up the difference - or cut health services or eligibility for thousands of Missourians.

HOW IT AFFECTS YOU

If Senate Bill 28 were to pass, the state of Missouri would be responsible for any unanticipated spending needs, resulting in either increased costs to the state, or cuts to eligibility or health services for children, seniors, people with disabilities or serious mental illness, pregnant women, and very low-income parents.

While Medicaid's current financing structure can respond to the economy or changing demographics, Senate Bill 28 leaves thousands of Missourians vulnerable to dramatic health care cuts and puts Missouri at financial risk.

CALL TO ACTION

**Contact your Senator today and tell them
to vote NO on Senate Bill 28.**

To find your state senator go to

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup/Default.aspx>

For more information, contact [Ann Mangelsdorf](#) with any additional questions at 314-817-2275.