

Advance Social and Economic Justice for All

Application for Social Service Benefits

Original Bill: [HB1960](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 1960 **Sponsor:** Rep. Mary Elizabeth

Description: Simplifies the application form for certain public assistance benefit programs and allows certain periodic eligibility review forms to be submitted as an attachment to a recipient's state tax return.

Position Statement: Support: Simplifying the application process for social service benefits will help those seeking services to access the programs they need. Part of the effort to promote human dignity. 02/19/20

Last Action: 03/18/2020 H - Placed Back on Formal Perfection Calendar

Earned Income Tax Credit

Original Bill: [HB2196](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jon Carpenter (

Description: Authorizes an earned income tax credit in Missouri.

Position Statement: Support: By creating a state earned income tax credit, Missouri can assist the working poor and their families. Part of the effort to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (Laborem Excerens, par. 9,10,17-19) 02/19/20

Last Action: 01/16/2020 H - Read Second Time

Food Stamps/Work Requirements

Original Bill: [HB1785](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Dirk Deaton (R)

Description: Modifies the law relating to work requirements for participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Position Statement: Oppose: In the zeal to get people to work, sanctions should not be imposed that deny basic food allowances to children. There are better ways to encourage work. 01/24/20

Last Action: 02/12/2020 H - Public hearing completed

Original Bill: [SB611](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. David Sater (R)

Description: Modifies the law relating to work requirements for participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Position Statement: Oppose: In the zeal to get people to work, sanctions should not be imposed that deny basic food allowances to children. There are better ways to encourage work. 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/16/2020 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Seniors, Families, and Children

Housing

Original Bill: [HB2437](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to the low-income housing tax credit.

Position Statement: Support: Establishing a state low-income housing tax credit will help encourage developers to build housing for the poor and underserved communities. 01/24/20

Last Action: 02/12/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB549](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Dan Hegeman

Description: Relating to low-income housing tax credits.

Position Statement: Support: Establishing a state low-income housing tax credit will help encourage developers to build housing for the poor and underserved communities. 01/24/20

Last Action: 02/25/2020 S - Hearing Conducted

Medicaid Eligibility for Children

Original Bill: [HB2379](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Steve Helms (

Description: Modifies provisions for health care for children.

Position Statement: Support: Extending Medicaid eligibility for children to 12 months will help improve health outcomes for them by maintaining continuity of care. 02/19/20

Last Action: 02/24/2020 H - Public hearing completed

Medicaid Expansion

Original Bill: [HB1668](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Martha Steven

Description: Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services.

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports expanding Medicaid to cover low-income workers and to ensure the continued delivery of care to those who need it most. Concern for the health of its citizens requires society to "help in the attainment of living conditions that help citizens grow and reach maturity: ..." including access to healthcare. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2288) 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/09/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB1678](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Deb Lavender (

Description: Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet services.

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports expanding Medicaid to cover low-income workers and to ensure the continued delivery of care to those who need it most. Concern for the health of its citizens requires society to "help in the attainment of living conditions that help citizens grow and reach maturity: ..." including access to healthcare. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2288) 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/09/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB2062](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Gina Mitten (D)

Description: Adds provisions relating to MO HealthNet services.

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports expanding Medicaid to cover low-income workers and to ensure the continued delivery of care to those who need it most. Concern for the health of its citizens requires society to "help in the attainment of living conditions that help citizens grow and reach maturity: ..." including access to healthcare. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2288) 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/09/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [HB2297](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jon Carpenter (

Description: Expands MO HealthNet eligibility.

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports expanding Medicaid to cover low-income workers and to ensure the continued delivery of care to those who need it most. Concern for the health of its citizens requires society to "help in the attainment of living conditions that help citizens grow and reach maturity: ..." including access to healthcare. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2288) 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/29/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB564](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Jill Schupp (D)

Description: Provides for the expansion of MO HealthNet services beginning January 1, 2021.

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports expanding Medicaid to cover low-income workers and to ensure the continued delivery of care to those who need it most. Concern for the health of its citizens requires society to "help in the attainment of living conditions that help citizens grow and reach maturity: ..." including access to healthcare. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2288) 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/09/2020 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Health and Pensions

Original Bill: [SB630](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Scott Sifton (D)

Description: Provides for the expansion of MO HealthNet services beginning January 1, 2021.

Position Statement: Support: The MCC supports expanding Medicaid to cover low-income workers and to ensure the continued delivery of care to those who need it most. Concern for the health of its citizens requires society to "help in the attainment of living conditions that help citizens grow and reach maturity: ..." including access to healthcare. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 2288) 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/16/2020 S - Referred to Senate Committee on Health and Pensions

Medicaid Global Waiver

Original Bill: [SB524](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. David Sater (R)

Description: Requires the Department of Social Services to apply for a global waiver for MO HealthNet.

Position Statement: Oppose: Block granting Medicaid risks underfunding the program and preventing the adequate delivery of healthcare services to those who rely on it. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, par. 166) 01/24/20

Last Action: 03/25/2020 S - Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection

Medicaid Work Requirements

Original Bill: [HJR106](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Missouri relating to health care.

Position Statement: Oppose: Work requirements for Medicaid recipients put them at risk of losing coverage, resulting in the inconsistent delivery of care over time, and poor health outcomes for those with chronic conditions. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, par. 166) 01/24/20

Last Action: 02/06/2020 H - Referred to House committee on Budget

Original Bill: [HJR114](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Curtis Trent (R)

Description: Requires certain MO HealthNet participants to comply with work and community engagement requirements.

Position Statement: Oppose: Work requirements for Medicaid recipients put them at risk of losing coverage, resulting in the inconsistent delivery of care over time, and poor health outcomes for those with chronic conditions. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, par. 166) 01/24/20

Last Action: 02/11/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SJR32](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. David Sater (R)

Description: Requires certain MO HealthNet participants to comply with work and community engagement requirements

Position Statement: Oppose: Work requirements for Medicaid recipients put them at risk of losing coverage, resulting in the inconsistent delivery of care over time, and poor health outcomes for those with chronic conditions. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, par. 166) 01/24/20

Last Action: 03/26/2020 S - Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection

Original Bill: [SJR60](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Tony Luetkeme

Description: Enacts provisions relating to health care, including health insurance and MO HealthNet.

Position Statement: Oppose: Work requirements for Medicaid recipients put them at risk of losing coverage, resulting in the inconsistent delivery of care over time, and poor health outcomes for those with chronic conditions. Part of the effort to ensure access to affordable health care for all. (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, par. 166) 01/24/20

Last Action: 03/11/2020 S - Voted do pass from committee

Merchandising Practices Act

Original Bill: [HB2243](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Curtis Trent (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to civil actions for unlawful merchandising practices.

Position Statement: Oppose: Legislation should be amended in order to protect the poor from predatory lending and business practices. Government regulations in this area are appropriate in order to promote the common good and ensure fairness in economic transactions. 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/23/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB727](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Tony Luetkeme

Description: Modifies provisions relating to civil actions for unlawful merchandising practices.

Position Statement: Oppose: Legislation should be amended in order to protect the poor from predatory lending and business practices. Government regulations in this area are appropriate in order to promote the common good and ensure fairness in economic transactions. 01/24/20

Last Action: 02/11/2020 S - Voted do pass as substitute from committee

Original Bill: [SB793](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Andrew Koenig

Description: Modifies provisions regarding unlawful merchandising practices.

Position Statement: Oppose: Legislation should be amended in order to protect the poor from predatory lending and business practices. Government regulations in this area are appropriate in order to promote the common good and ensure fairness in economic transactions. 01/24/20

Last Action: 02/25/2020 S - Hearing Conducted

Payday Lending Reform

Original Bill: [HB1438](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Steve Helms (

Description: Changes the law regarding unsecured loans of five hundred dollars or less.

Position Statement: Support: This legislation makes important first steps in protecting consumers from predatory lending. In his 2009 encyclical, Caritas in Veritate, Pope Benedict XVI said, "The weakest members of society should be helped to defend themselves against usury, just as poor peoples should be helped to derive real benefit from micro-credit, in order to discourage the exploitation that is possible in these two areas." 01/24/20

Last Action: 02/20/2020 H - Referred to House committee on Economic Development

Postpartum Care

Original Bill: [HB2574](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Louis Riggs (R)

Description: Modifies provisions relating to postpartum depression screening.

Position Statement: Support in part: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth. The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare, which can include treatment for women with postpartum depression. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 1908) 01/24/20

Last Action: 02/26/2020 H - Read Second Time

Original Bill: [SB788](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Sen. Jill Schupp (D)

Description: Establishes the "Postpartum Depression Care Act".

Position Statement: Support in part: Postpartum care is critical to the well-being of all women who have given birth. The Church charges public authorities with upholding the common good. This includes ensuring vulnerable people have access to affordable healthcare, which can include treatment for women with postpartum depression. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 1908) 01/24/20

Last Action: 03/11/2020 S - Hearing Conducted

Reduced Water and Sewer Rates for Low-income Earners

Original Bill: [HB1762](#) **Amended Bill:** **Sponsor:** Rep. Jeff Knight (R)

Description: Allows the Public Service Commission to authorize a low income rate for water and sewer service.

Position Statement: Support: The Public Service Commission should have the authority to set a reduced rate for water and sewer utilities for low-income customers as a means of making these utilities more affordable for those customers. Part of the effort to uphold the dignity of work and workers. (Laborem Exercens, par. 9, 10, 17-19) 01/24/20

Last Action: 01/09/2020 H - Read Second Time

Show-Me Healthy Babies

Original Bill: [HB2011](#) **Amended Bill:** HCS HB 2011 **Sponsor:** Rep. Cody Smith (R)

Description: To appropriate money for the Department of Social Services and several divisions and programs. Section 11.805 provides \$41 million for the Show-Me Healthy Babies program. This includes funding for prenatal care and related services for pregnant women and their unborn children.

Position Statement: Support in part: Support Section 11.805 that provides funds for Show-Me Healthy Babies program, which is designed to provide improved access to prenatal care for expectant mothers and their unborn children. 03/26/20

Last Action: 03/16/2020 H - Reported Do Pass Committee as substituted - Six hours total debate on perfection
