## Earned Income Tax Credit

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## Food Stamps/Work Requirements

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## Housing

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**01/24/20**

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

**Amended Bill:**

**HB1678**

**Rep. Gina Mitten (D)**

*Adds provisions relating to MO HealthNet services.*

**Position Statement:**
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**01/24/20**

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**Amended Bill:**

**HB2062**

**Sen. Jill Schupp (D)**

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

**Position Statement:**
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**01/24/20**

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

**Amended Bill:**

**SB564**

**Sen. Scott Sifton (D)**

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

**Position Statement:**
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**01/24/20**

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

**Amended Bill:**

**SB630**

**Medicaid Global Waiver**

**Original Bill:**  
**SB524**

**Amended Bill:**  
**SB524**

**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

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**Last Action:** 01/24/2020
### Medicaid Work Requirements

**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:** 01/28/2020 S - Placed on Informal Calendar

### 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

### Payday Lending Reform

**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:** 01/30/2020 H - Scheduled for Committee Hearing

### Payday Lending Reform

**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:** 01/08/2020 S - Read First Time

### 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:** 01/09/2020 H - Read Second Time
### Postpartum Care

**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:** 01/08/2020 S - Read First Time

### Prisoners on Medicaid

**Original Bill:** HB1837  
**Amended Bill:**  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Alan Green (D)

**Description:** Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet coverage for incarcerated individuals.

**Position Statement:** Support: Indigent persons serving jail time, including those with mental illness and other medical conditions, deserve access to medical insurance coverage upon their release to ensure a continuity of care. 03/22/19

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

### 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 Excercens, par. 9, 10, 17-19) 01/24/20

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