



# Missouri Amendment 2

The 600,000 people described here that will get free government Medicaid are **“able-bodied adults”** between ages 19 to 65. Most are childless adults, and NONE are disabled, elderly, or children.

- Nearly 2 out of 3 already have private health insurance, or access to it.

**It is unheard of to put a welfare program in the state constitution.** This makes it almost impossible to adjust, even when Missouri experiences budget problems. That means the only options will be cuts from other places, like schools or cops, or increased income or sales taxes.

*Be it resolved by the people of the State of Missouri that **the Constitution be amended:***

Article IV of the Constitution is revised by adding one new section to be known as Article IV, Section 36(c) to read as follows:

Section 36(c). 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning July 1, 2021, individuals nineteen years of age or older and under sixty-five years of age who qualify for MO HealthNet services under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) and as set forth in 42 C.F.R. 435.119, and who have income at or below one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level plus five percent of the applicable family size as determined under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(e)(14) and as set forth in 42 C.F.R. 435.603, shall be eligible for medical assistance under MO HealthNet and shall receive coverage for the health benefits service package.

2. For purposes of this section, **“health benefits service package”** shall mean benefits covered by the MO HealthNet program as determined by the department of social services to meet the benchmark or benchmark-equivalent coverage requirement under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(k)(1) and any implementing regulations.

3. No later than March 1, 2021, the Department of Social Services and the MO HealthNet Division shall submit all state plan amendments necessary to implement this section to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

4. The Department of Social Services and the MO HealthNet Division shall take all actions necessary to maximize federal financial participation in funding medical assistance pursuant to this section.

5. No greater or additional burdens or restrictions on eligibility or enrollment standards, methodologies, or practices shall be imposed on persons eligible for MO HealthNet services pursuant to this section than on any other population eligible for medical assistance.

6. All references to federal or state statutes, regulations or rules in this section shall be to the version of those statutes, regulations or rules that existed on January 1, 2019.

**The able-bodied adults are getting the gold plated “package”**—no real premiums, no co-pays, no out of pocket costs.

This provision, unique to Missouri, is **specifically designed to prevent the state from adopting work requirements for able-bodied adults** that will get the free welfare benefit.

- States that have adopted this requirement have asked able-bodied adults to work 20 hours per week or be in job training—but Amendment 2 **will make this type of work requirement illegal in Missouri.**



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Where is the money coming from?  
Who pays for this new welfare program?

**Amendment 2 ignores this problem completely.**



## **Other Facts about Amendment 2 (Medicaid Expansion):**

- Missouri already spends 40% of it's budget on Medicaid
- Nearly 1 million people are already on Medicaid in Missouri
- It will cost Missouri taxpayers \$349 million PER YEAR
- It covers ONLY able-bodied adults, no kids, no disabled individuals, no elderly individuals
- If amendment 2 passes, there is no money to pay for it - where will the money come from?
- Other states have cut school funding, put disabled adults on waiting lists, and raised taxes to pay for Medicaid overruns