

Legislative Update – February 26, 2016

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND PRO-LIFE ACTION DAY IN JEFFERSON CITY APRIL 5

Please print off the “Show Me Life” Action Day flyer and distribute to your pro-life friends, family and church members. http://missourilife.org/assets/lobby_day_flyer2016.pdf

ACTION ALERT – CALLS STILL NEEDED

Call your Representative

and ask him/her to put pro-life protections requested by MRL on HB 2302 and HB 2321.

Find your House Member Phone Number here: <http://www.house.mo.gov/member.aspx>

Here is the story....

Bills Opposed by MRL with NO Pro-Life Protections.

HB 2302 and HB 2321, Sponsored by Rep. Caleb Rowden

Read the testimony opposing HB 2302 & HB 2321 and asking for pro-life protections:

HB 2302: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/hb2302.html>

HB 2321: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/hb2321.html>

Missouri House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention Committee Passes Two Bills That Endanger the lives of the unborn and early stage development of human beings.

(11 voted yes to move HB 2302 and HB 2321 forward with no pro-life protections: Rowden, Corlew, Kratky, Austin, Butler, Dogan Dunn, Hansen, Lichtenegger, Pfautsch, Rizzo

2 Absent: Beard, Johnson)

Read the memo distributed to the next committee these bills will go to, the House Select Committee on Commerce, asking for pro-life protections:

<http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/memo2016-0217.html>

House Select Committee on Commerce Committee Members who Have the Opportunity to Place Pro-Life Protections on HB 2302 and HB 2321: <http://www.house.mo.gov/CommitteeIndividual.aspx?com=01358&year=2016&code=R>

TAKE NOTE.....

MRL Neutral on “Raise Your Hands for Kids” Tobacco Tax Initiative

Pro-Life Protections are in the Language of the Initiative.

Click Here to Read MRL Press Release: <http://www.missouririghttolife.org/legislation/2016/press2016-0204.html>

2016 Priority Legislation:

- Expanding Abortion Clinic Inspections, Accountability for Disposal of Baby Body Parts, Ensure no selling or buying of baby body parts is happening in Missouri from in state abortion clinics, and ensure that any publicly funded state institution is not buying baby body parts from out of state abortion clinics with our tax dollars, Accountability for licensing of abortionists and abortion facilities as well as oversight of connections between abortion facilities and public institutions.

- Ban Dismemberment Abortions.
- Defund Planned Parenthood.

Bills to Watch in 2016:

NOTE: In the following lists Missouri Right to Life's position could change at any time depending on amendments that are needed or amendments that can happen at any point in the legislative process.

At this time there have been 520 bills and 55 various resolutions filed in the Senate. And, there have been 1271 bills and 121 various resolutions filed in the House.

In the Missouri State Senate:

The Missouri Senate Sanctity of Life Committee issued a summary of their work and recommendations for the 2016 Legislative Session. Read their report

here: http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/comm/reports/sanctity_of_life_report.pdf

SCS SB 644 – Sponsor: **Bob Onder** - Modifies provisions related to abortion. Includes pro-life language for donation of fetal tissue, tissue reporting, physician privileges, ambulatory surgical center reporting and abortion facility inspections (**Support**)

February 25, 2016 – Senate Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/pdf-bill/intro/SB644.pdf>

Testimony in Support of SB 644: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/sb644.html>

SB 802 – Sponsor: David Sater - Prohibits abortions performed solely because of a prenatal diagnosis, test, or screening indicating Down Syndrome or the potential of Down Syndrome in an unborn child (**Support**)

February 25, 2016 – Senate Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/pdf-bill/intro/SB802.pdf>

Testimony in Support of SB 802: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/sb802.html>

SB 883 – Sponsor: Jeanie Riddle - Requires referrals for out of state abortions to be accompanied by specified printed materials (**Support**)

February 16, 2016 – Voted Do Pass in Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/pdf-bill/intro/SB883.pdf>

Testimony in Support of SB 883: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/sb883.html>

Under Review/Watch:

SB 635 – Sponsor: Dan Hegeman - Establishes the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council and the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program (**Watch**)

February 8, 2016 – House Referred to House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

SB 873 – Sponsor: David Pearce - Creates the Missouri Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Initiative (**Watch**)

January 20, 2016 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Education Committee

SB 961 – Sponsor: Jamilah Nasheed (Pro-Abortion) – Medicaid Expansion (**Watch**)

January 28, 2016 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

SB 1058 – Sponsor: Rob Schaaf - Creates a voluntary replacement alternative program for children's vaccines which do not contain human DNA content (**Under Review**)

February 22, 2016 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Veterans' Affairs and Health Committee

SB 1083 – Sponsor: Wayne Wallingford - Modifies procedures in guardianship proceedings for incapacitated persons (**Watch**)

February 23, 2016 – Senate First Read

SJR 38 – Sponsor: Kurt Schaefer - Creates a new constitutional provision relating parental rights (**Watch**)
February 18, 2016 – Senate Second Read and Referred to Senate Seniors, Families and Children Committee

Oppose:

SCR 57 – Sponsor: Jill Schupp - Seeks Equal Rights Amendment to force state to pay for abortions (**Oppose**)
January 21, 2016 – Referred to Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee

In the Missouri State House:

The Missouri Children and Families Committee and the Ways and Means Committee have been holding investigative hearings of Planned Parenthood and the buying and selling of baby body parts. They issued the following press release and recommendations for legislation based on their work.

Read House Committees Press Release Here:

<http://missourilife.org/news/2016/2016-01-27.html>

Read House Committees Report and Recommendations Here:

http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/FINAL2015_HouseCommitteesReport.pdf

HB 1370 – Sponsor: Rocky Miller - Changes the laws regarding notification prior to a minor obtaining an abortion (**Support**)

February 18, 2016 – Voted Do Pass in House Select Committee on Social Services

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1370I.PDF>

Testimony in Support of HB 1370: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/hb1370.html>

HB 1714 – Sponsor: Tila Hubrecht - Establishes the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act (**Support**)

February 2, 2016 – Public Hearing Held in House Children and Families Committee

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1714I.PDF>

Testimony in Support of HB 1714: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/HB1714.pdf>

HB 1815 – Sponsor: Andrew Koenig - Establishes the Abortion Ban for Sex Selection and Genetic Abnormalities Act of 2016 to prohibit an abortion solely due to the sex of the unborn child or a genetic abnormality diagnosis (**Support**)

January 28, 2016 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1815I.PDF>

HB 1903 – Sponsor: Jered Taylor - Creates the crime of abuse of an unborn child for a person who illegally uses narcotic drugs while pregnant (**Support**)

January 28, 2016 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1903I.PDF>

HB 1915 – Sponsor: Bill Kidd - Establishes "Simon's Law" which changes the laws regarding life-sustaining or non-beneficial treatment policies of health care facilities (**Support**)

February 16, 2016 – Public Hearing Held in House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1915I.PDF>

Testimony in Support of HB 1915: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/hb1915.html>

NOTE: Hospitals and Physicians turned out to oppose this bill. Their testimony was that physicians should be able to put a Do-Not-Resuscitate order in your minor child's medical file without your consent or knowledge. Be aware and be knowledgeable about what is in your child's medical file.

HB 1953 - Sponsor: Kathryn Swan - Modifies provisions related to abortion. Includes pro-life language for donation of fetal tissue, tissue reporting, physician privileges, ambulatory surgical center reporting and abortion facility inspections (**Support**)

January 28, 2016 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1953I.PDF>

HB 1968 – Sponsor: Sonya Anderson - no physician shall perform an abortion upon a minor unless such physician first obtains the notarized written consent of both the minor and one of her parents or her legal guardian (**Support**)

February 16, 2016 – Public Hearing Held in House Children and Families Committee

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB1968I.PDF>

Testimony in Support of HB 1968: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/hb1968.html>

HB 2068 – Sponsor: Diane Franklin - Changes the laws regarding the prohibition on the sale of aborted fetal remains (**Support**)

February 23, 2016 – Public Hearing Held in House Children and Families Committee

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2068I.PDF>

Testimony in Support of HB 2068: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/hb2371a.html>

HB 2069 – Sponsor: Diane Franklin - Provides whistleblower protections for employees who work in facilities that handle aborted fetal remains (**Support**)

February 23, 2016 – Public Hearing Held in House Children and Families Committee

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2069I.PDF>

Testimony in Support of HB 2069: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/hb2371a.html>

HB 2070 – Sponsor: Diane Franklin - Changes the definition of "remains of a human fetus" (**Support**)

February 23, 2016 – Public Hearing Held in House Children and Families Committee

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2070I.PDF>

Testimony in Support of HB 2070: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/hb2371a.html>

HB 2071 – Sponsor: Diane Franklin - Changes the laws regarding abortions and required tissue reports (**Support**)

February 23, 2016 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2071I.PDF>

Testimony in Support of HB 2071: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/hb2371a.html>

HB 2127 – Sponsor: Tom Hurst – Expands one new section relating to transporting a minor across state lines to obtain an abortion (**Support**)

January 12, 2016 – House Second Read

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2127I.PDF>

HB 2247 – Sponsor: Jeff Messenger - Prohibits the authorization of any public funds or governmental economic incentives for a project involving abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research (**Support**)

January 19, 2016 – House Second Read

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2247I.PDF>

HB 2329 – Sponsor: Rick Brattin - Changes the laws regarding reports required after the performance of an abortion (**Support**)

February 10, 2016 – Referred to House Children and Families Committee

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2329I.PDF>

HB 2371 – Sponsor: Andrew Koenig - Modifies provisions related to abortion. Includes pro-life language for donation of fetal tissue, tissue reporting, physician privileges, ambulatory surgical center reporting and abortion facility inspections (**Support**)

February 23, 2016 – Public Hearing Held in House Children and Families Committee

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2371I.PDF>

Testimony in Support of HB 2371: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/hb2371a.html>

HB 2558 – Sponsor: John McCaherty - Changes the laws regarding custody of in vitro human embryos (**Support**)

February 17, 2016 – House Second Read

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB2558I.PDF>

Listen to Jim Cole, General Counsel of Missouri Right to Life (MRL) and Chelsea Zimmerman, MRL Social Media Director discuss the amicus brief filed by Missouri Right to Life, Lawyers for Life and the American Association of Pro-Life OB-GYN's in the case of McQueen-Gadberry vs. Gadberry and the plight of frozen

embryos: <https://soundcloud.com/biotalk/biotalk15-embryo-custody-battles-people-not-property>

HJR 96 – Sponsor: Paul Curtman - Proposes a constitutional amendment that prohibits penalties by the state against religious organizations or certain persons for beliefs or acts based on religious beliefs (**Support**)

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HJR0096I.PDF>

February 22, 2016 – House Second Read

HJR 98 – Sponsor: Mike Moon - Proposes a constitutional amendment regarding the right to life (**Support**)

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HJR0098I.PDF>

February 24, 2016 – House Second Read

HJR 99 – Sponsor: Eric Burlison - Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to parental rights (**Support**)

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HJR0099I.PDF>

February 25, 2016 – House Second Read

Under Review/Watch:

HB 1511 – Sponsor: Brandon Ellington (Pro-Abortion) - Establishes the Economic Development Grant Program to be used to reopen closed manufacturing facilities (**Watch**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1518 – Sponsor: Brandon Ellington (Pro-Abortion) - Allows certain small businesses to be eligible to claim any state tax credit, deduction, and other exemption from tax that specified corporations are allowed to claim (**Watch**)

February 24, 2016 – Public Hearing Scheduled in House Small Business Committee, Bill Not Heard

HB 1609 – Sponsor: Kathryn Swan - Specifies that all new and existing tax credits shall be approved by the General Assembly as part of the budget process (**Watch**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1617 – Sponsor: John McCaherty - Establishes the Bring Jobs Home Act that authorizes a tax deduction for out-of-state businesses that relocate to Missouri (**Watch**)

January 20, 2016 – Voted Do Pass in House Small Business Committee and Referred to House Select Committee on Commerce

HB 1679 – Sponsor: Sheila Solon - Changes the laws regarding the dispensing of contraceptives (**Amendment #4359H01.03 to Bill – Continuing to Watch**)

February 17, 2016 – HCS Voted Do Pass in House Select Committee on General Laws

HB 1870 – Sponsor: Denny Hoskins - Changes the laws regarding the Big Government Get Off My Back Act (**Watch**)

February 4, 2016 – Senate Second Read and Senate Referred to Senate Ways and Means Committee

HB 1875 – Sponsor: Marsha Haefner - Establishes the Perinatal Advisory Council and requires the council to establish standards for all neonatal and maternal levels of birthing hospital care (**Watch – Has Pro-Life Protections on it**)

February 17, 2016 – HCS Voted Do Pass in House Select Committee on Social Services

HB 1994 – Sponsor: Robert Cornejo - Establishes the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council and the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program (**Watch**)

February 24, 2016 – Voted Do Pass (Consent) in House Select Committee on Rules

HB 2033 – Sponsor: Caleb Rowden - Modifies provisions relating to the Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board and authorizes a tax credit for certain small businesses (**Watch**)

February 17, 2016 – Executive Session Held in House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention Committee and Referred to House Select Committee on Commerce

HB 2087 – Sponsor: Steve Lynch – Makes changes to the Missouri Works Program, Currently has pro-life protections (**Watch**)

February 25, 2016 – Reported Do Pass by House Select Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations

HB 2201 – Sponsor: Deb Lavender (Pro-Abortion) – Expansion of Health Care and access to abortion with public tax

dollars (**Under Review**)

January 14, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 2343 – Sponsor: Gina Mitten (Pro-Abortion) – Changes in MOHealthNet (**Watch**)

January 25, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 2452 – Sponsor: Margo McNeil (Pro-Abortion) - Implements the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement (**Under Review**)

February 2, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 2499 – Sponsor: Jeanie Lauer - Changes the laws regarding the Missouri Works Training Program (**Watch**)

March 1, 2016 – Public Hearing Scheduled in House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention Committee

HB 2502 – Sponsor: Joe Don McGaugh - Establishes the "Designated Health Care Decision-Maker Act" (**Under Review**)

February 24, 2016 – Referred to House Civil and Criminal Proceedings

HB 2580 – Sponsor: Holly Rehder - Changes the laws regarding the priority of persons to be appointed guardian of an incapacitated person or conservator of a disabled person (**Watch**)

February 22, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 2582 – Sponsor: Mike Moon - Prohibits the enforcement of any federal regulation by any state department or agency unless the enforcement is approved by the General Assembly (**Watch**)

February 22, 2016 – House Second Read

HJR 68 – Sponsor: Paul Curtman - Proposes a constitutional amendment establishing an individual's rights of conscience (**Under Review**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

Oppose:

HB 1752 – Sponsor: Randy Dunn (Pro-Abortion) - Specifies that a person is presumed to have consented to organ donation at the time a person applies for or renews his or her driver's license unless he or she signs a statement opting out (**Oppose**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1794 – Sponsor: Mike Moon - Establishes the "All Lives Matter Act", which changes the laws regarding the finding that life begins at conception (**Oppose**)

January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

Reason for Opposition to HB 1794:

HB 1794 bill is basically a ban on abortion, recognizing personhood of child, etc. Of course ending abortion here in Missouri and nationally is the goal for Missouri Right to Life. I would not call it a personhood bill as its worded differently than other personhood attempts. First some background information.

Recently a bill called “the heartbeat bill,” another ban on abortion (from South Dakota I believe,) was overturned in the lower courts and remanded back to the lower courts by the US Supreme Ct (in other words, they refused to hear it.) That tells us that the majority of the US Supreme Court is not in favor of banning abortion/overturning Roe v Wade at this time. (Something we already knew from previous Supreme Ct. decisions.) And, of course now with the death of Justice Scalia the pro-life numbers on the Supreme Court are even smaller.

The problems with this bill are two-fold. First, it repeals the Missouri statute, 1.205 which states “...The life each human being begins at conception...” and goes on with other declarations about the unborn child. HB 1794 repeals the current language and adds additional language about the child being “...hereby deemed a person...” Mo Statute 1.205 was part of the language of HB 1596 (passed in 1986 and upheld in 1989) and that part of HB 1596 was

never challenged in court so has never been overturned or upheld. It is just superseded by Roe v. Wade when it comes to abortion.

If HR 1794 is overturned as we believe it will be by this present US Supreme Court, it could also overturn our statute 1.205. That statute, while it has been superseded by Roe when it comes to abortion, has been used by the Missouri courts to convict persons of two deaths in a manslaughter case because they have attacked pregnant women or caused traffic accidents in which an unborn child died. We have offered a safety amendment to the bill that would protect our statute and while the supporters of 1794 showed some interest in that a few weeks ago, they have not contacted us since. If the safety clause was added, we would go neutral on the bill because of the second reason below.

The second reason for opposing this bill is that again we believe that the bill will be overturned by the US Supreme Ct (and overturned by every other lower court on its way to the SCOTUS.) In the overturning decision, they may very well reaffirm Roe v Wade as they did in the Casey decision in 1992. Every time this reaffirmation happens, it just makes it harder for us to overturn Roe in the future.

If we ever hope to overturn Roe and ban abortion here in Missouri we must elect pro-life Presidents and US Senators that will appoint and approve pro-life US Supreme Court justices.

HB 1905 – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Forces the State to use education materials that are biased and misleading in their support for abortion rather than factual medical information (**Oppose**)
January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1906 – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Forces Pregnancy Resource Centers and other pro-life institutions to advertise and refer for abortions (**Oppose**)
January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1907 – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Forces Pharmacists to fill abortion drugs (**Oppose**)
January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1908 – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Presents Abortion as a Compassionate Alternative to a Woman in a Vulnerable Situation (**Oppose**)
January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1909 – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Pregnant Workers (**Under Review**)
January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1918 – Sponsor: Kimberly Gardner (Pro-Abortion) – Physician Licensing (**Under Review**)
January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1919 – Sponsor: Kimberly Gardner (Pro-Abortion) – Death Bill (**Oppose**)
January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 1978 – Sponsor: Stacy Newman (Pro-Abortion) – Employers, employees and Reproductive Health Care (**Under Review**)
January 7, 2016 – House Second Read

HB 2302 – Sponsor: Caleb Rowden - Establishes the Missouri Angel Investment Incentive Act (**Oppose**)
February 17, 2016 – Voted Do Pass With NO Pro-Life Protections in House Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention Committee and Referred to House Select Committee on Commerce
<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB23021.PDF>

Testimony in Opposition to HB 2302: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/hb2302.html>

Read Memo Distributed in Opposition to HB 2302: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/memo2016-0217.html>

HB 2321 – Sponsor: Caleb Rowden – Establishes the Missouri Advanced Industries Acceleration Act (**Oppose**)
February 17, 2016 – Voted Do Pass With NO Pro-Life Protections in House Economic Development and Business

Attraction and Retention Committee and Referred to House Select Committee on Commerce

<http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills161/billpdf/intro/HB23211.PDF>

Testimony in Opposition to HB 2321: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/hb2321.html>

Read Memo Distributed in Opposition to HB 2321: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2016/memo2016-0217.html>

HB 2491 – Sponsor: Clem Smith (Pro-Abortion) – Adds peer review articles instead of just medically accurate information when teaching students in school regarding contraceptives. This bill also removes large sections of sex education regarding pregnancy and information presented to students. (**Oppose**)

February 8, 2016 – House Second Read

HCR 65 – Sponsor: Jeanne Kirkton (Pro-Abortion) - Urges Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S.

Constitution to state that corporations are not human beings and do not have the same rights as citizens (**Oppose**)

January 11, 2016 – House Second Read

HCR 82 – Sponsor: Judy Morgan (Pro-Abortion) - Seeks Equal Rights Amendment to force state to pay for abortions (**Oppose**)

January 25, 2016 – House Second Read

Update on Legislation Passed in 2014:

The "Show-Me Healthy Babies Program" was created in 2014 by the Missouri House and Senate to provide insurance for pregnant women who earn too much to qualify for traditional Medicaid but don't have affordable private-sector insurance. The plan was recently approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Through the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program, pregnant women with incomes up to 30% of the federal poverty level will have access to pregnancy-related services that promote healthy labor, delivery and birth. Women participating in the program will have postpartum coverage for sixty days. Coverage for the child will continue for up to one year after birth.

The MO HealthNet Division, which operates the state's Medicaid system, began accepting online applications for the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program on January 1, 2016. **If you know a woman who can benefit from this program, you can share the following information regarding how to apply for the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program. This program will help a woman choose life for her unborn child and help her and her unborn child get off to a healthy start in life.** . The program is expected to expand access to health care to an estimated 1,800 pregnant women each year.

MO HealthNet for Pregnant Women application: <https://mydss.mo.gov/>. Or the pregnant woman can call 1-855-373-9994 to complete the application by phone, or in person at the nearest Family Support Division Resource Center. <http://dss.mo.gov/offices.htm>