



**PLANNED PARENTHOOD CONTINUES TO RECEIVE OUR PUBLIC TAX DOLLARS
THROUGH THE MEDICAID PROGRAM
June 2020 through July 2021 and counting.....**

Read the following timeline and then please call your Representative and Senator and ask them the following questions:

Question 1: Is Planned Parenthood still receiving our federal tax dollars via reimbursements from the State through Medicaid? NOTE: They know the answer to this is “yes” because it was stated as a fact on the Senate and House floor.

Question 2: Ask your Representative and Senator what they did to stop the funding of Planned Parenthood in the FRA.

NOTES:

2A. A good vote in regular session does not count. That bill died at the end of the regular session.

2B. A stand-alone bill in special session in the House did not help. Per the Senate actions there is no indication that the Senate had any intention of taking it up. As a matter of fact, the actions of the Senate showed every indication that they would NOT take up a pro-life fix for the FRA. The House should have held the vote on Senate Sub #3 to SB 1 until after the Senate took up the stand-alone bill (HB 2).

Many legislators are claiming that medical funding to help thousands was too important to risk. Ask your Representative and Senator the following:

Question 3: So, are you OK with funding the killing of innocent babies as long as other people get healthcare?

There was no need to choose one over the other....House and Senate could have included defunding language of Planned Parenthood AND passed the Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) in one bill.

The urgency to pass the FRA also included public funding going to Planned Parenthood. The legislature did not separate or restrict those who would be receiving our public tax dollars, just that it was “urgent to fund all provider services that the FRA reimburses for”. One of those recipients of the FRA funding is the nation’s number one abortion provider, Planned Parenthood.

Please Read the Following Timelines on the 2021 Regular Session and the 2021 1st Extraordinary Session (Special Session) of the Missouri Legislature



TIMELINE ON LEGISLATIVE ACTION FAILING TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD DURING REGULAR SESSION

2021

1. **In 2018**, former Representative Robert Ross found that the State of Missouri was sending public tax dollars to Planned Parenthood through the Medicaid program. In response to this finding, the Missouri Legislature began to include the following language in Budget Bills HB 10 (Department of Health and Senior Services) and HB 11 (Department of Social Services) which prevented our tax dollars from going to Planned Parenthood through our Medicaid MO Health Program to reimburse for “health care”.

2018 – June of 2020: Planned Parenthood does not receive our tax dollars

From 2018 through June of 2020 the Pro-Life language in budget bills was as follows:

“No funds shall be expended to any abortion facility as defined in Section 188.015, RSMo, or any affiliate or associate thereof.”

2. **In June of 2020**, the Mo Supreme Court ruled that Planned Parenthood could receive our tax dollars through Medicaid because restricting language to prevent the nation’s number one abortion provider from receiving our public tax dollars, was in budget bills instead of statute. This ruling resulted in the State of Missouri writing checks, including back payments, to Planned Parenthood.

June 2020: Planned Parenthood begins receiving our tax dollars

3. From that point in June 2020 through December of 2020 Planned Parenthood began receiving payments of our tax dollars for Medicaid Reimbursements, which subsidizes their abortion business.
4. **In January 2021**, the Missouri House and Senate convene in regular session. Summary of the Regular Session January-May 2021 follows:

House:

January 2021, Representative Nick Schroer files HB 635 to prevent public funds from going to Planned Parenthood. The bill was finally assigned to the Emerging Issues Committee in March. No hearing was ever scheduled.

January 2021, Representative Sara Walsh files HB 852 to prevent public funds from going to Planned Parenthood or unethical research. The bill was finally placed on the House Informal Perfection Calendar and never received House floor time, never brought up for a vote.

The House never passed a stand-alone pro-life bill during the regular session to prevent our tax dollars from going to Planned Parenthood.



Senate:

Senator Bill Eigel files SB 398 to prevent public funds from going to Planned Parenthood. The bill was heard in committee and sent to Senate leadership in March. Senate leadership never put it on the Senate calendar. The bill never received Senate floor time.

House and Senate:

Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) moves to the forefront of pro-life debate in March/April in the Senate and House. The public funding of Planned Parenthood is applicable and in the same statute as the FRA. Multiple attempts to place pro-life protective language on the FRA is unsuccessful. Some facts about the debate:

Senate:

March 23rd: Senate passes pro-life language on SB 1 (FRA) to stop tax payer dollars from paying for abortion-causing drugs by a vote of 21 yes to 12 no. See votes here:

<https://www.senate.mo.gov/21info/pdf-jrnl/DAY37.pdf#page=8>

April 20th: Senate Sub with ban on abortion-causing drugs was withdrawn and a new version presented to the Senate. Senator Onder offered the following pro-life language but this amendment was never adopted:

"No funds shall be expended to any abortion facility, as defined in section 188.015, or any affiliate or associate thereof";

The Senate leadership never moved a stand-alone pro-life bill to prevent our tax dollars from going to Planned Parenthood during the regular session.

May 13th: SB 43, regarding hearing aids in healthcare, was amended in the House to include the FRA which includes funding for Planned Parenthood. When SB 43 comes back to the Senate, Senator Onder offers amendment to exceed the differences in the language and go to conference to include a ban on public funding of abortifacient drugs. Vote was 16 yes to 14 no. The bill was laid over and died.

House:

Multiple attempts to pass the FRA with pro-life language to prevent our tax dollars from going to Planned Parenthood, the nation's number one abortion provider, failed to pass the House.

At one point, the House passed an amendment to the FRA that in essence would have forced Missouri to ask the current Biden Administration if we could defund Planned Parenthood.

The House leadership never moved a stand-alone pro-life bill to prevent our tax dollars from going to Planned Parenthood during the regular session.

Result of Regular Session: The Senate and the House failed to pass a bill to defund Planned Parenthood from receiving our tax dollars.



NOTE: AT THIS POINT IN THIS TIMELINE – PLANNED PARENTHOOD HAS BEEN RECEIVING OUR TAX DOLLARS FROM JUNE 2020 THROUGH MAY 2021. WITHOUT THE PASSAGE OF A “DEFUNDING BILL” THE STATUS QUO IS THAT PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS STILL RECEIVING OUR TAX DOLLARS WITH NO END IN SIGHT.

5. JUNE 22, 2021 – Governor Mike Parson Calls Special Session to Begin on June 23, 2021 to focus on extending the Federal Reimbursement Allowances (FRA)
See the call here: <https://governor.mo.gov/press-releases/archive/governor-parson-calls-special-session-address-funding-mo-healthnet-program>

TIMELINE ON LEGISLATIVE ACTION FAILING TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD DURING THE 1ST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION (SPECIAL SESSION)
2021

6. **June 23, 2021 - Special Session begins in the Missouri Senate – At that time, Planned Parenthood has been receiving our tax dollars for one year.**
7. June 23 – Senator Hegeman files SB 1, SB 2 & SB 3
SB 1: Is FRA with ban on abortifacient drugs but no defunding of Planned Parenthood
SB 2: Is FRA with ban on abortifacient drugs and a ban on public funding of abortion providers in the “uninsured women’s health care program” in Medicaid.
SB 3: Is FRA with no pro-life protections – the so-called “clean FRA”
8. June 24 – Senate Appropriations Committee hears SB 1 & SB 2
SB 1: MRL opposes because it does not include “defunding of Planned Parenthood”
SB 1: Planned Parenthood opposes bill because it includes a ban on abortion-causing drugs

SB 2: Planned Parenthood opposes because it includes a ban on abortion-causing drugs
AND, PLANNED PARENTHOOD TESTIFIES THAT THEY HAVE NEVER AND DO NOT RECEIVE MEDICAID MONIES THROUGH THE “UNINSURED WOMEN’S HEALTH CARE PROGRAM”
QUESTION ARISES: Do our Leaders know that this language does nothing to stop our tax dollars from going to Planned Parenthood?
SB 2: MRL opposes because it does not include “defunding of Planned Parenthood”

An amendment to defund Planned Parenthood is offered on SB 2 in committee, then an amendment to that amendment is offered which would in essence force Missouri to ask permission from the Biden Administration if we could defund Planned Parenthood. The defund amendment is withdrawn because the “Biden Permission” amendment would have gutted the “defund Planned Parenthood” amendment. SB 2 is laid over without a vote.



Senate Appropriations Committee moves SB 1 to the full Senate for debate with no language to defund Planned Parenthood.

Committee Vote to move SB 1 without defunding Planned Parenthood

(Note: pro-abortion Senators vote no because of ban on abortion-causing drugs,

Republican Senator Bill Eigel votes no because of Planned Parenthood funding):

Those voting NO: Arthur, Eigel, Razer, Washington, Williams

Those voting YES: Hegeman, Hough, Brown, Cierpiot, Eslinger, Luetkemeyer, Riddle, Rowden

9. June 25 – Senate begins floor debate on Senate Sub to SB 1
 - A. Senator Onder (pro-life) and Senator Arthur (pro-abortion) rise to offer amendments. Lt. Governor Kehoe recognizes Senator Arthur for a pro-abortion amendment to remove ban on funding abortion-causing drugs. Floor vote. Pro-abortion amendment is defeated by a vote of 22 to 10
 - B. Lt Governor Kehoe then recognizes Senator Onder for an amendments to defund Planned Parenthood. Point of Order is called by pro-abortion Senator Rizzo. After much discussion, the Senate Sub #1 is withdrawn, which shuts down any pending amendments.
 - C. Senator Hegeman then offers Senate Sub #2 which includes the language to defund Planned Parenthood from receiving monies through the “uninsured women’s health program”, which Planned Parenthood had testified that they never and still do not receive monies through that program AND SS #2 also includes the language to ask the Biden Administration for permission to defund Planned Parenthood. Senator Onder offers amendment to defund Planned Parenthood. The amendment reads:

“provided, no funds shall be expended to any abortion facility, as defined in section 188.015, or any affiliate or associate thereof”

This Pro-Life Amendment is defeated by Republican held Senate by the following vote:

Pro-life vote is yes:

Those voting yes: Bean, Brattin, Burlison, Crawford, Eigel, Koenig, Luetkemeyer, Moon, O’Laughlin, Onder, Rehder, Wieland

Those voting “NO” on the above pro-life amendment to defund Planned Parenthood:

Republicans: Bernskoetter, Brown, Cierpiot, Eslinger, Gannon, Hegeman, Hough, Riddle, Rowden, Schatz, White

Pro-abortion Democrats: Arthur, Beck, May, Mosley, Razor, Rizzo, Roberts, Schupp, Washington, Williams

After much debate, Senator Onder withdraws amendment and Senate Sub #2 is withdrawn.

- D. Senator Hegeman then offered Senate Sub #3 which renders the ban on abortion-causing drugs moot and has no defunding of Planned Parenthood language.

The ban on abortion-causing drugs with tax payer dollars is already in statute 188.205. So, the language in Senate Sub #3 adds nothing to current law. Note: The



language in the Senate Sub #1 FRA to ban public funding of abortion-causing drugs would have banned Ella and Plan B. Senate Sub #3 does nothing to stop defunding of very popular abortion-causing drugs used by Planned Parenthood. And, there is no defunding of Planned Parenthood in Senate Sub #3.

- E. Senate Sub #3 is Perfected and Sent to Senate Committee on Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics. Chairman is Senator Caleb Rowden. Senate Sub #3 with NO language to defund Planned Parenthood is referred out of Committee. Vote not on website. Committee Members are: Rowden, Schatz, Bernskoetter, Crawford, Luetkemeyer, May and Williams.
- F. Senate Sub #3 is Sent to Senate Government Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee (GAFO).

10. June 26 – At around 12:10 a.m. the Senate Opens their Session

- A. GAFO Committee sends Senate Sub #3 with NO language to defund Planned Parenthood to full Senate for final passage.

Committee Vote to move SB 1 without defunding Planned Parenthood

(Note: pro-life vote is NO)

Those voting NO: None

Those voting YES: Hough, White, Bernskoetter, Cierpiot, Luetkemeyer, Rehder, Rizzo, Roberts

- B. **In the wee hours of the morning between 12:15 and 12:45 a.m. the Senate passes Senate Sub #3 to SB 1 (the Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA)) with NO language to defund Planned Parenthood. Senate Sub #3 to SB 1 was sent to the House by a vote of 28 yes and 5 no.**

The NO vote is the pro-life vote.

Those voting pro-life with a “NO” are: Brattin, Burlison, Koenig, Moon and Onder

11. June 28 – The House First Reads Senate Sub #3 to SB 1 and HB 2 which would defund Planned Parenthood. However, the language to defund Planned Parenthood needs to be in Senate Sub #3 in order to ensure that the defunding of Planned Parenthood actually passes

The Senate has made it clear that they are not going to pass the following language:

“provided, no funds shall be expended to any abortion facility, as defined in section 188.015, or any affiliate or associate thereof”.

This pro-life language is relevant to Senate Sub #3 to SB 1 and needed to be attached in the same bill to ensure our public tax dollars to not go Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider.



12. June 29 –

- A. Hearings are held in House Budget Committee – Chairman is Representative Cody Smith from Joplin

HB 2 – MRL supports as a stand-alone bill but makes it very clear that the “defunding of Planned Parenthood” language must be included in Senate Sub #3 to SB 1 - see testimony here: <https://www.missourilife.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-Testimony-in-Support-of-HB-2-Before-the-House-Budget-Committee.pdf>

Senate Sub #3 to SB 1 – MRL opposes because it does not include “defunding of Planned Parenthood” - see testimony here: <https://www.missourilife.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-Testimony-in-Opposition-to-SB-1-FRA-with-Problematic-Pro-life-Language-Before-the-House-Budget-Committee.pdf>

Both bills pass the House Budget Committee by the following votes:

HB 2 – Pro-life Vote is Yes:

Yes (20): Andrews, Black (137), Black (7), Boggs, Cupps, Deaton, Evans, Fishel, Gregory (51), Hudson, Kelly (141), Lewis (6), Mayhew, McGaugh, Riley, Roberts, Shields, Smith (163), Walsh (50) and West

Noes (9): Aldridge, Bland Manlove, Bosley, Burnett, Fogle, Merideth, Nurrenbern, Unsicker and Windham

Absent (2): Gregory (96) and Richey

Senate Sub #3 to SB 1 – Pro-life Vote is NO:

Yes (27): Aldridge, Andrews, Black (137), Black (7), Bland Manlove, Boggs, Bosley, Burnett, Cupps, Deaton, Evans, Fishel, Fogle, Gregory (51), Hudson, Kelly (141), Lewis (6), Mayhew, McGaugh, Merideth, Nurrenbern, Riley, Roberts, Shields, Smith (163), Unsicker and Windham

Noes (2): Walsh (50) and West

Absent (2): Gregory (96) and Richey

- B. HB 2 and Senate Sub #3 to SB 1 are Referred to the House Rules Committee – Chairman is Representative Phil Christofanelli from St. Charles County

Both Bills pass the House Rules Committee by the following votes:

HB 2 – Pro-Life Vote is Yes:

Yes (7): Bailey, Basye, Christofanelli, Griesheimer, Haffner, Hill and Kelly (141)

Noes (2): Aune and Proudie

Absent (2): Richey and Rogers

Senate Sub #3 to SB 1 – Pro-life Vote is NO: Chairman is Representative Christofanelli

Yes (9): Aune, Bailey, Basye, Christofanelli, Griesheimer, Haffner, Hill, Kelly (141) and Proudie

Noes (0)



Absent (2): Richey and Rogers

Both bills were sent to the full House for debate on June 30th.

13. June 30th

- A. Senate Sub #3 to SB 1 was taken up and the title agreed to with NO DISCUSSION – at that point no amendments would be able to placed on Senate Sub #3 to SB 1 to Defund Planned Parenthood. This was done with a voice vote.
- B. HB 2 was perfected by a vote of 109 yes to 46 no.
- C. HB 2 was sent to Fiscal Review and passed by a vote of 6 yes and 2 no
Chairman of Fiscal Review Committee is Representative Travis Fitzwater
- D. HB 2 was third read and passed by a vote of 109 yes to 45 no
- E. HB 2 was sent to the Senate

F. Senate Sub #3 to SB 1 was third read and passed by a vote of 140 yes and 13 no.

NOTE: THE PRO-LIFE VOTE TO THIRD READ AND PASS SENATE SUB #3 TO SB 1 IS A “NO”. VOTE WAS 140 YES TO 13 NO.

Those voting pro-life with a “NO” vote are: Billington, Coleman (97), Davidson, Davis, DeGroot, Gregory (96), Lovasco, McGirl, Roden, Sander, Trent, Walsh (50), West

G. Senate Sub #3 to SB 1 was sent to the Governor with no language to defund Planned Parenthood

H. The House and Senate adjourn “sine die” with NO language to defund Planned Parenthood.

I. As of mid-July 2021, Planned Parenthood has been receiving public dollars for 1 year and 1 month.

Points to be Made:

- 1. There was no reason to put pro-life language in a separate bill. You may hear several excuses but MRL has always been consistent that the pro-life protections needed in statute are best put with the bill addressing that statute.**
- 2. The U.S. codes allow for states to put restricting language in statute.**
- 3. Multiple court decisions have either ruled or expressed discussion on whether a state legislature can restrict access to public dollars by abortion providers or their affiliates and still receive Medicaid dollars. The ruling by the 5th and 8th Federal**



District Courts have ruled in favor of Texas and Arkansas to exclude Planned Parenthood from receiving public tax dollars.

- 4. Every pro-life law gets challenged by the abortion industry and some parts are enjoined from a lawsuit by the abortion industry while the rest of the law stays in tact. There is not one piece of evidence that shows that Washington would shut off our Medicaid dollars.**
- 5. The legislature did not have to choose between defunding Planned Parenthood or receiving Medicaid dollars for other services. They could have done both.**
- 6. Or another way to look at this....Are you OK funding Planned Parenthood to kill innocent human babies up to 22 weeks of gestation because you want monies for other needs? Once again, the legislature did not have to choose between these two....they could have done both.**
- 7. Where is the urgency to defund Planned Parenthood? There was urgency to pass the FRA that funds Planned Parenthood. Why is Planned Parenthood still receiving our tax dollars after one year and one month?**

BOTTOM LINE: THE LEGISLATURE HAS DONE NOTHING TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD FROM RECEIVING OUR TAX DOLLARS THROUGH THE MEDICAID PROGRAM SINCE JUNE OF 2020.