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Subject: RE: Family Planning

Good Afternoon Representative Smith,

Danny Varat asked me to provide you with details on the Lieutenant Governor's Proposal regarding Family Planning funds.

The Lieutenant Governor has proposed that we reject the federal family planning dollars and replace them with state family planning funds so that the state can control what providers receive those funds based on the criteria the state would set rather than based on federal provider standards. This would allow the state to defund any provider who performs abortions.

For the 2017-2018 FY the federal family planning amount was \$15,585,522, therefore to implement the lieutenant Governor's plan we would need a similar amount added to the state funding for family planning.

This should be accompanied by a proviso that requires DHHS to reject the federal dollars and dictates that providers that preform abortions are not to receive these funds.

Below is the language that Missouri used when they implemented this plan.

"For the purpose of funding family planning and family planning-related services, pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, including pap tests and pelvic exams, and follow-up services provided that none of the funds appropriated herein may be expended to directly or indirectly subsidize abortion services or procedures or administrative functions and none of the funds appropriated herein may be paid or granted to an organization that provides abortion services. An otherwise qualified organization shall not be disqualified from receipt of these funds because of its affiliation with an organization that provides abortion services, provided that the affiliated organization that provides abortion services is independent of the qualified organization. An independent affiliate that provides abortion services must be separately incorporated from any organization that receives these funds. Such services shall be available to uninsured women who are at least 18 to 55 years of age with a family Modified Adjusted Gross Income for the household size that does not exceed 201% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and who is a legal resident of the state."

The primary distinctions between what the Lieutenant Governor is trying to accomplish and what the Missouri language accomplished are:

- The Missouri language does not distinguish abortions performed because of an immediate danger to the life of the mother, we would like to include that distinction.
- The Missouri language does not provide for how providers will be reviewed, we would like DHEC to inspect month to determine if abortions are being performed and to include the reason for the abortion in their collection of data. (Reason being - elective, fetal abnormality, rape, incest, life of mother, etc.)

I will be happy to draft language for an appropriate proviso to accompany the funds.

Please let me know if you have any questions and how I can assist. Have a great weekend.

Best Regards,
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Rep. Garry Smith wants to include the LG's proposal in the House budget. Please email what he will need to share with House staff to garry@garrysmith.org