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Tennessee Catholic  
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There is strength in numbers.

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**Expanding Medicaid will stop TN hemorrhaging!**

**By the end of this year 11 hospitals will have closed—  
ALL within the last 8 years.**

TN has MORE hospital closings per capita than ANY other state.

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## Recent Fatalities Include:

St. Mary's Hospital, Knoxville

**Bishop Stika laments.**

Physicians Regional Medical Center, Knoxville

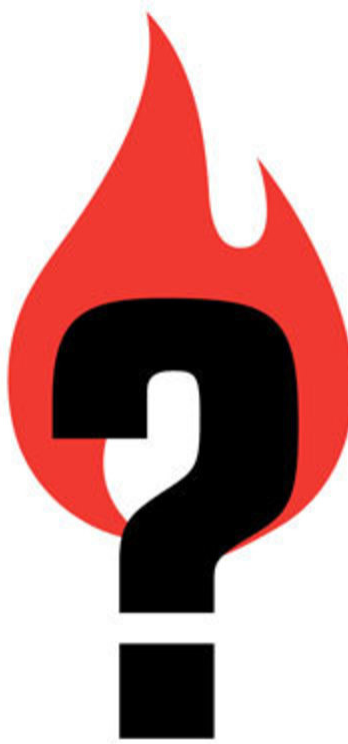
Lakeway Regional Hospital, Morristown

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**TN NEEDS to make full use of federal Medicaid funding to stop hospital closures.**

**Expanding Medicaid will infuse \$1.4 billion per year into TN. This will help:**

- SUSTAIN rural hospitals (six times less likely to close if TN expands Medicaid)
  - COVER 300,000 uninsured Tennesseans
  - STIMULATE job growth—up to 15,000 jobs
  - LOWER health insurance premiums (up to 7% lower In 32 states that have already accepted the funding)
  - PROVIDE greater access to addiction treatment center
  - All of this WITHOUT increasing taxes.
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**A Burning Question for your candidate: Why not redirect our tax dollars back into TN?**

Are they are aware that we are losing out on \$1.4 billion annually? That's \$3.8 million per day in federal health care funding.

**WHY?**

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