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Action Alert / NEWS on Crucial Legislation

Law makers are being vague with THEIR solution to Medicaid Expansion.

What's up their sleeve???

We do not support their bill HB1280 / SB1428. It's a poor substitute for expanding Medicaid.

Remove the HOCUS-POCUS and see what we get:

1. **THIS BILL** would turn Federal Funding for TennCare into a BLOCK GRANT. Block Grants are not governed by FEDERAL REGULATIONS—and Federal Regulations protect citizens from shoddy treatment by state or HMOs.
2. **THIS BILL** does not offer affordable coverage to uninsured families.
3. **THIS BILL** does not address TN's Rural Hospital Crisis; we just lost our 11th hospital in Celina, TN.
4. **Because we have not passed Medicaid Expansion,** TN has lost and will continue to lose $1.4 billion a year in federal healthcare funding.

HB1280 / SB1428 is sponsored by Representative Timothy Hill (R) Blountville and Senator Paul Bailey (R) Sparta. **It is headed to the House Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee.**

PLEASE CALL or EMAIL the members on that committee BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20. Ask them to oppose HB1280 and to EXPAND Medicaid.

The House Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee

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BELOW are some TALKING-POINTS to help organize your thoughts:

Please oppose HB1280.

1. This bill is a poor substitute for expanding Medicaid.
2. It does not offer affordable coverage for uninsured families.
3. It turns Federal Funding for TennCare into a Block Grant, and being such it is NOT governed by Federal Regulations. Removing accountability over state and HMOs leaves the elderly in nursing homes and children vulnerable to shoddy treatment and high pricing.
4. It does not address TN's Rural Hospital Crisis—we just lost our 11th hospital.

AND please support Medicaid Expansion. We are losing $1.4 billion a year in federal healthcare funding.

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