

A July 2nd, 2005 Los Angeles Times article stated 1/3 of the Missourians losing insurance coverage are children: “An estimated 24,000 children are expected to lose their benefits, dental coverage is being cut for adults, and disabled people are losing coverage for crutches and other aids.” See Missouri's Sharp Cuts to Medicaid Called Severe-*More than 68,000, a third of them children, may lose benefits in the move to avoid tax hikes.* LA Times, July 1, 2005.

On June 29, 2005, David Moskowitz MD, was invited to testify before the Missouri Medicaid Reform Commission and in his released pre-testimony stated for the 65,000 patients losing coverage; “Since oxygen tanks are among the items no longer covered, **many patients will soon die**” [emphasis added]. Of course patients are the consumers in the market for hospital supplies that is the primary relevant market of Medical Supply’s antitrust claims. Doctor Moskowitz also stated; “The Missouri Legislature is wrestling with the most critical domestic issue of our time. It is literally a life and death issue for tens of millions of Americans. It seems to me profoundly un-American, on the eve of our nation's birthday, to have people die simply because Medicaid is still paying retail for drugs.”