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Three Removed From KS House Health Committee

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Three Republicans who support Medicaid expansion have been removed from a Kansas House committee that oversees health care issues.

The Wichita Eagle reports House Speaker Ray Merrick removed Representative Barbara Bollier of Mission Hills, a retired physician; Representative Susan Concannon, a Beloit Republican and committee vice chair with a background in rural health; and Representative Don Hill, an Emporia Republican and a pharmacist.

Merrick said in a statement that Kansas citizens oppose an expansion of the health care program.

The chair of the committee, Representative Dan Hawkins, a Wichita Republican, said he had not been informed of the committee changes ahead of the decision.

Bollier says she is saddened that three of the most knowledgeable people on health care issues have been removed.

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