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To the Editor:

I am writing to clarify one point in your June 20 editorial about lack of physicians to see Medicaid patients.

Since 1984, the School of Medicine has been helping the state by managing the care of Medicaid patients in two categories: people who are over 65 and mothers and children on Aid to Dependent Children. When these people become eligible for Medicaid, they can sign up for ("enroll") our program and be seen by our faculty physicians or can choose the "regular" Medicaid program and find their own doctors.

You that we are seeing only "established" patients. We want to clarify that we are still accepting people into our "enrolled" Medicaid program; we will also continue to see "regular" Medicaid patients who are <u>currently</u> our patients. The people we can no longer <u>add</u> are those who choose the "regular" Medicaid program.

Sincerely,

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