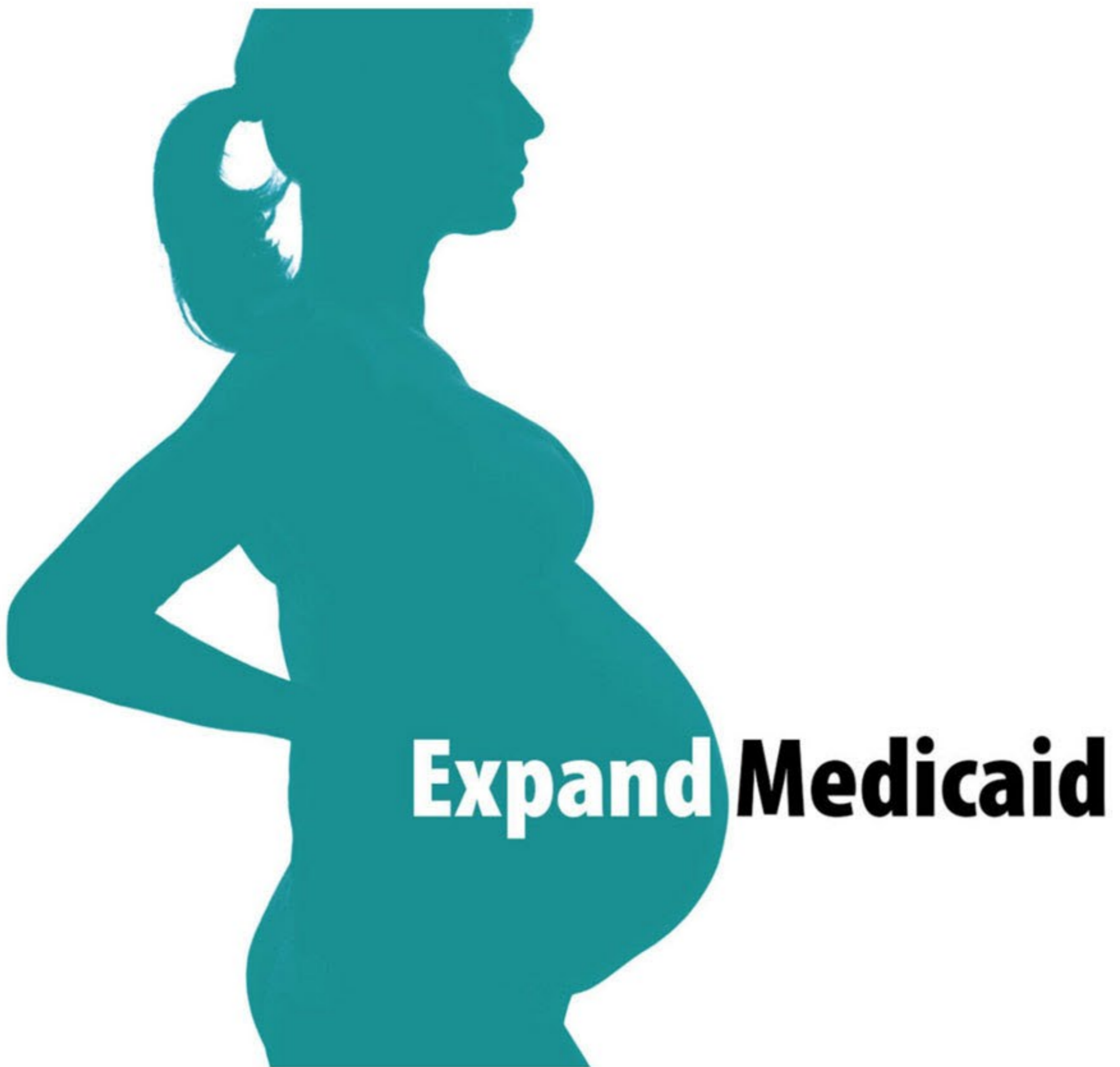


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## Expanding Medicaid can improve maternal and infant health.

**Fact:** States that expanded Medicaid reduced the number of uninsured women of childbearing age, improved health outcomes, and helped lower rates of premature birth and low birth weight for Black infants.

**Disparities in TN women's health.** The 11.3% increase in premature births in Tennessee underscores the disparities in women's health throughout the state. March of Dimes gave TN a "D" for its preterm birth rate in 2016.

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## A Bill for healthier pregnancies and babies

[HB0986/SB0758 TN Pregnant Workers Fairness Act](#) | will ensure that pregnant workers are treated fairly on the job, provide clearer expectations for employers, and boost our economy.

TNCPPC supports this legislation.

## A NEW abortion bill with MORE restrictions

Gov. Lee has announced that he will introduce a new restrictive abortion bill that—unlike the “heartbeat bill”—will hold up in court. The bill's content/wording is still in the works.

TNCPPC will weigh in when the bill is submitted.

## The Religious Freedom Adoption Bill PASSED

**What is it?** Legislation that PROTECTS the RIGHTS of a private licensed child-placing agency, allowing it to follow and put into practice its written religious or moral convictions while participating in any child placement for foster care or adoption.

TNCPPC supported this legislation.