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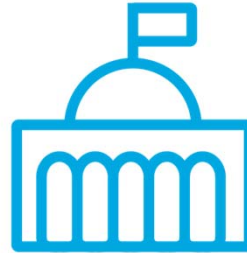


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The Beginning

- There were a series of failed legislative attempts to expand Medicaid in Missouri
- Support of the largely Republican legislature for Medicaid expansion was lacking
- The majority of Missourians continued to support Medicaid expansion



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The Middle

- A coalition of interested stakeholders decided to take Medicaid expansion to the voters and the many Missourians who support expansion
- Hundreds of thousands of signatures were gathered in support of the Medicaid expansion ballot initiative
- A lawsuit was filed (Cady v. Ashcroft) challenging the certification of the ballot initiative, but the court found that the ballot language was constitutional because it did not attempt to appropriate funds
- 53% of Missouri voters voted in favor of expansion
- The Governor submitted budget requests both generally for the entire Medicaid program and specifically for Medicaid expansion
- The legislature approved funding generally for the program but not for expansion specifically
- The Governor withdrew his SPA amendment from CMS and essentially said he would only move to expand Medicaid upon a court order



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The End (we hope)

- A lawsuit was filed in Cole County Circuit Court on May 20th by 3 Plaintiffs in the expansion population.
- The Circuit Court judge ruled that the ballot initiative/constitutional amendment was unconstitutional because it did not include an appropriation.
- Because the ruling was based on “constitutionality”, an appeal was made directly to the Missouri Supreme Court.