

Take Action: EXPAND MEDICAID NOW



THE PROBLEM (WHY?)

Obamacare gave States the choice to expand Medicaid to cover uninsured adults. The Missouri Legislature has refused to do this, even though it would provide health insurance to more than 250,000 people who are mostly working adults. Through an initiative petition and a referendum voters approved a change to the Constitution that requires Medicaid to be expanded. In spite of this the Missouri House passed a budget that does not fund Medicaid expansion. We have to persuade the Senate to put money back into the budget so the expansion happens.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Email your Senator today. Use the link to find out who this is.

Go to:

<https://www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup/Default.aspx>

HOW? Follow these quick steps:

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1 FIND YOUR SENATOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Click on this to go to a list of the Senators. <https://www.senate.mo.gov/senators-listing/> Then click on your Senator's name. This will take you to their web page. Click on the red "Email the Senator" choice on the right side of the page.

2 TELL YOUR STORY

Think about your own experiences or those you know who do not have health insurance. What do you/they do when they are sick? How do they get preventive care to stay healthy so they are able to care for themselves and their children, and are able to work? How does not having health insurance affect your life?

3 DRAFT YOUR EMAIL -- here's an example:

I am your constituent and am writing to ask you to vote to put funding into the budget to expand Medicaid. Missouri voters approved this expansion, and it is part of the Missouri constitution. The legislature should not ignore the will of the people. They should be representing us, rather than refusing to do what the voters have clearly stated should happen. Expanding Medicaid will make a positive difference in the lives of many working Missourians, including 50,000 parents. Having health insurance helps individuals healthy so they can be strong parents and dependable workers. (Add any personal stories here). I ask you to support putting funds in the budget to expand Medicaid. Can I count on you to do this? I look forward to your response. Thank you.

Other advocacy and voting information can be found at www.visionforchildren.org.