***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Medicaid**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the latest on Medicaid expansion in the Show-Me State…

**Nat Snd :07 Q: applications or not.**

Expanding Medicaid has been an issue for some time, with a divide amongst lawmakers over how it should be done, or should happen at all.

After a majority of Missouri voters said “yes” to expansion, the funding came into question during this year’s regular legislative session, which led to a judge’s decision on the matter.

In May, Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden of Columbia talked about what he believed would come…

 **Rowden 1 :13 Q: or the other.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City, also in May, said he agreed with this assessment…

 **Rizzo 1 :09 Q: gets sliced up.**

Senator Rowden says he believes the only solution is to follow the law…

 **Rowden 2 :14 Q: for me, personally.**

Senator Rizzo adds a majority of Missourians said “yes” to Medicaid expansion…

 **Rizzo 2 :06 Q: in the constitution.**

Senator Rowden also points out every attempt was made to find common ground on this matter…

 **Rowden 3 :16 Q: the Medicaid roles.**

Senator Rizzo says the discussion will continue…

 **Rizzo 3 :10 Q: state of Missouri.**

Senator Rowden also says a path forward remains, especially now that a judge has ruled on Medicaid expansion…

 **Rowden 4 :09 Q: and hasn’t done.**

Senator Rizzo says there are differing opinions on how the Legislature should handle Medicaid expansion…

 **Rizzo 4 :05 Q: been very mixed.**

In the meantime, the [Missouri Senate Interim Committee on Medicaid Accountability and Taxpayer Protection](https://www.senate.mo.gov/simt/) continues to meet. The committee plans to release a second report later in the year.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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