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### Blagojevich's Health Care Expansion Remains in Limbo

Produced by **Mike Rhee** on Wednesday, November 12, 2008

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**The future is uncertain for Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich's expanded healthcare program. But an order from the state Supreme Court Wednesday will allow FamilyCare to continue for now.**

The lawsuit against Blagojevich's FamilyCare program has dragged on nearly a year. Margaret Stapleton is an attorney representing parents enrolled in FamilyCare. She says the ongoing litigation is putting a lot of people in jeopardy.

STAPLETON: So I mean we really need to have this resolved. I mean, we're going into a recession, people desperately need to have health care available to them.

But plaintiffs say the governor did not have the authority to expand Medicaid for more than half-a-million people in Illinois. Last month, a Cook County judge ordered the state to stop paying for the program while the case moved forward. But the Illinois Supreme Court blocked that order with an order of its own siding with the governor. His attorneys say stopping FamilyCare abruptly would hurt the people covered by it.

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