



KanCare Expansion: Just the Facts

STATE SPECIFIC SOLUTIONS ARE WORKING

States have crafted programs that address their unique health care and cultural landscapes, giving them control.

- Medicaid gives states flexibility to design their own programs. States can design their benefit packages for the new adult group based on a commercial benchmark that they select. States also have the flexibility to require beneficiaries to share in the costs of their coverage.ⁱ
- States can make additional changes through Section 1115 waivers. Six states that have expanded Medicaid have done so using an alternative to traditional expansion: Arkansas, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Montana, and New Hampshire.ⁱⁱ These waiver-based expansions include policies such as premiums, health savings accounts, incentives for healthy behaviors, referrals to work programs, and initiatives to use Medicaid funds to purchase private insurance policies offered by employers or through the Marketplace.
- Both traditional and alternative expansions have been shown to increase coverage and access to care and also generate savings and new revenue for the state.ⁱⁱⁱ

ⁱ Medicaid.gov (2015). *Demonstrations and Waivers*. Retrieved from https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/waivers/waivers_faceted.html.

ⁱⁱ Rudowitz, R. and Musumeci, M. (20 November 2015). *The ACA and Medicaid Expansion Waivers*. Retrieved from <http://kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/the-aca-and-medicaid-expansion-waivers/>.

ⁱⁱⁱ Sommers, B.D., Blendon, R.J., and Orav, E.J. (January 2016). *Both The 'Private Option' And Traditional Medicaid Expansions Improved Access To Care For Low-Income Adults*. Retrieved from <http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/35/1/96.abstract>.