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HEALTHY KANSAS

## Improving and Expanding KanCare Good for Kansas. Good for Ottawa County.

Kansas faces a number of difficulties in its health care system. Tens of thousands of Kansans are uninsured and go without needed care. Others receive care but are unable to pay their bills, often accumulating substantial debt and facing bankruptcy. Many rural hospitals are at risk of closure. A solution is available – Kansas has an opportunity to expand eligibility for KanCare, the state's Medicaid program, to cover nearly 150,000 additional Kansans.

We turn back \$1.8 million of our federal tax dollars every day that could be used for this program. Instead of investing in a state-specific solution to improve and expand KanCare, these funds go to other states. KanCare expansion is a fiscally responsible way to grow the economy and create new jobs, support hospitals and give thousands of Kansans access to health care coverage. It is a common sense step in the right direction that puts practicality over politics.

### Economic Impact & Job Creation

**Expanding KanCare is projected to bring more than \$856,000 per year in additional health care spending to Ottawa County.** What starts as a small investment in health care will trigger a chain reaction of economic development across our county and state. More Kansans with access to routine and preventive care will bring down costs and create jobs for doctors, nurses, medical support staff and others, helping to boost local economies and grow small businesses. Over the next five years expanding KanCare will add more than 13,000 jobs in Kansas, including new jobs here in Ottawa County.

### Improved Access to Care

**Expanding KanCare will provide health coverage to many residents of Ottawa County who fall into a coverage gap** – they earn too much to qualify for the current KanCare program, but too little to get financial help to buy a private plan. With expansion, more Kansans will be able to access preventive care to help them stay healthy and avoid costly ER visits. Our family, friends and neighbors will have greater financial security and won't be forced to choose between paying their medical bills and paying for other expenses. Healthy, secure Kansans can be full contributors in their communities.

Expanding  
KanCare  
will benefit  
Ottawa  
County

128

Uninsured  
residents  
will gain  
health  
coverage

22

New jobs  
will be  
created

\$856,448

In new annual  
health care  
spending will  
create economic  
impact and  
improve health

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