



ALLIANCE FOR A
HEALTHY KANSAS

Improving and Expanding KanCare Good for Kansas. Good for Thomas 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 \$1.1 million per year in additional health care spending to Thomas 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 Thomas County.

Improved Access to Care

Expanding KanCare will provide health coverage to many residents of Thomas 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
**Thomas
County**

170

Uninsured
residents
will gain
health
coverage

29

New jobs
will be
created

\$1,137,470

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

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