



ALLIANCE FOR A
HEALTHY KANSAS

Expand KanCare: Just the Facts

KanCare expansion is a fiscally responsible Kansas-based solution that will bring hundreds of millions of our federal tax dollars back home to Kansas and create jobs, boost our economy, protect hospitals, and improve the health of Kansans.

Nearly 150,000 Kansans currently fall into a health coverage gap. They earn too much to qualify for KanCare, the Kansas Medicaid program, but too little to be eligible for financial help to buy private insurance. These are hard working men and women here in Kansas who are stuck with few options for affordable health coverage. To close that gap, a diverse coalition of more than 100 business, civic, and health care organizations from across the state have come together to form the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas – urging our state to expand KanCare now!

Expanding KanCare will create thousands of jobs and return hundreds of millions of tax dollars to our state every year

- Expanding KanCare will inject hundreds of millions of dollars into the Kansas economy and create more than **13,000 new jobs**.
- Kansas does not save money by refusing expansion — it simply gives up the opportunity to bring tax dollars back to our state. Nearly all the **costs of expansion are covered** by the federal government. By law, 90% of the costs of expanding KanCare will be funded by the federal government.
- Expansion **saves money** for states. Other states that have chosen to responsibly expand Medicaid are seeing substantial savings in budget expenditures on services for the uninsured.

Expanding KanCare will protect hospitals and communities

- All hospitals are at risk – not expanding KanCare could limit access to health care in rural and urban communities.
- One-third of the rural hospitals in Kansas – more than 30 hospitals – are considered financially vulnerable. Four have closed in recent years. Expanding KanCare could mean the difference between the remaining hospitals staying open or closing their doors.

Expanding KanCare will improve health and financial security for 150,000 Kansans and increase access to preventive care.

- Expanding KanCare will provide **health coverage** to individuals and families who fall into the coverage gap – Kansans who work for a living but earn too much to qualify for the current program but too little to get financial help to buy a private plan.
- Expansion **increases access to primary and preventive care**, reduces the cost of uncompensated care, reduces medical debt, and enhances continuity of coverage and care for chronic illness.
- Expanding KanCare **saves lives**. States that have expanded their Medicaid programs experience lower mortality.

Thirty-six states and DC have taken advantage of this opportunity. It's time for Kansas to join them. For more information, visit the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas website at <http://ExpandKanCare.com>.



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Expand KanCare: How You Can Help

- Join the Alliance For A Healthy Kansas at <http://expandkancare.com>.
- To share stories about your members who fall in the coverage gap, email marissa@expandkancare.com or submit them using our website, <http://expandkancare.com/share-your-story/>
- Sign our petition to urge candidates to support expanding KanCare using the Alliance's website, <http://www.expandkancare.com/get-involved/>
- Volunteer to collect petition signatures or ask a KanCare question at candidate forum, email spencer@expandkancare.com.
- Join the campaign on Twitter: @ExpandKanCare and Facebook: <http://facebook.com/ExpandKanCare/>
- Use #ExpandKanCare and #ksleg to promote KanCare expansion on social media.
- Reach out to the faith leaders, business leaders, and leaders of community organizations you know and ask them to join the Alliance. More info at <http://expandkancare.com/who-we-are/>