



Statement from the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas Coalition

The Alliance for a Healthy Kansas is pleased that lawmakers are taking serious steps toward closing the Medicaid coverage gap. Our coalition comprises advocates from across the state, including business leaders, doctors and hospitals, social-service and safety-net organizations, faith communities, chambers of commerce, advocates for health care consumers, and individuals from all walks of life.

Coalition members have their own perspectives on expansion policy but together we agree that Kansas should insure as many of our citizens as possible as quickly as possible. Therefore, we stand in support of policies that ensure that KanCare expansion begins no later than Jan. 1, 2021, without barriers or delays. We take issue with premiums and coverage lockouts, as these types of provisions prevent more Kansans from gaining the health care coverage expansion is designed to provide. Further, we support work referral programs such as the one included in both the House and Senate plans but have deep concerns about work requirements because of the administrative and reporting burden they place on low-wage working Kansans.

The Alliance for a Healthy Kansas looks forward to working with lawmakers and advocates to promote a plan to expand KanCare and extend insurance coverage to tens of thousands of hard working Kansans.

About the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas

The Alliance for a Healthy Kansas is a statewide coalition working throughout Kansas, encouraging people and organizations to promote policies that ensure everyone has the opportunity to attain their highest level of health. Our membership is wide-ranging and includes business leaders, doctors and hospitals, social service and safety-net organizations, faith communities, chambers of commerce, advocates for health care consumers, and many more.