



ALLIANCE FOR A
HEALTHY KANSAS

Expand KanCare: Just the Facts

Medicaid expansion is not a political issue, but a practical opportunity to close the coverage gap, strengthen our health care system and bring desperately needed federal dollars into the Kansas economy.

About 165,000 Kansans fall into a health coverage gap. They earn too much to qualify for KanCare, the Kansas Medicaid program, but too little to receive federal subsidies to buy private insurance. To close that gap, a diverse coalition of more than 120 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 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 every year 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. By law, 90% of the costs of expanding KanCare will be funded by the federal government.
- Expansion is likely to be budget neutral after accounting for economic offsets and additional revenue generation.

Expanding KanCare will strengthen hospitals and health care providers

- Health centers in expansion states have higher revenue, greater operational capacity and more financial stability than those in non-expansion states. These centers have more sites, serve more patients and are more likely to provide behavioral health and vision services.
- In Kansas, 47 rural hospitals are at immediate risk of closing – more than any other state in the nation – and 29 are at high risk of closing. Expanding KanCare could mean the difference between these hospitals staying open or closing their doors.

Expanding KanCare will improve health and financial security for 165,000 Kansans

- 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-eight 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 ExpandKanCare.com.



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Expand KanCare: How You Can Help

Join the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas at expandkancare.com

To share stories about the coverage gap, email marissa@expandkancare.com or submit them using our website, expandkancare.com/share-your-story

Sign our petition to urge candidates to support expanding KanCare at expandkancare.com/get-involved

To volunteer to collect petition signatures or ask a KanCare question at candidate forum, email spencer@expandkancare.com

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper in support of expansion (for assistance email lauren@expandkancare.com)

Join the campaign on Twitter: [@ExpandKanCare](https://twitter.com/ExpandKanCare) and Facebook: 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 expandkancare.com/who-we-are