



KanCare Expansion: Just the Facts

KanCare expansion is good for patients and public health.

Expansion substantially increases coverage and improves access to all healthcare services, including preventive care, primary care, and prescription drugs. Since 2014 (the first year states could opt to expand Medicaid), the body of research on the benefits of Medicaid expansion has continued to grow. The evidence of the positive health outcomes associated with Medicaid expansion is clear.

- Medicaid expansion is associated with immense increases in health coverage across the board. Among those who have gained coverage are front-line and essential workers, including healthcare workers, grocery store workers, and food manufacturers, among others.
- Medicaid expansion saves lives. Expansion is associated with higher rates of early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of serious medical conditions and has been found to positively impact overall mortality rates.
- Maternal and infant health outcomes are more favorable in states that have expanded Medicaid. Medicaid expansion increases access to healthcare before, during, and after pregnancy and has contributed to decreased maternal and infant mortality rates.
- In addition to enhancing access to treatment for serious diseases and conditions, Medicaid expansion increases access to primary and preventive care, further improving overall health and wellness.
- Medicaid expansion improves access to care for substance use disorder (SUD) and other mental and behavioral healthcare.
- Medicaid expansion has been found to produce a “welcome mat” effect, meaning that extending coverage to adults has led to a substantial increase in coverage for children too. Studies show that children are 29% more likely to have an annual well-child visit if their parents are enrolled in Medicaid.



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