



## KanCare Expansion: Just the Facts

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Medicaid expansion is not a political issue, but a practical opportunity to close the coverage gap, strengthen our healthcare system, and keep everyone's healthcare costs from rising.

An estimated 150,000 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. It's time to urge our state leaders to expand KanCare now!

### **Expanding KanCare will boost our state economy.**

- Expanding KanCare will inject hundreds of millions of dollars into the Kansas economy every year and create 23,000 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 healthcare 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, 34 rural hospitals are at immediate risk of closing, and 36 rural hospitals are at high risk of closing. That means 70 of the 104 rural hospitals in Kansas are at risk of closing their doors. As a percentage of total rural hospitals in the state, Kansas has more hospitals at risk of closing than any other state in the US, with 67% of rural hospitals facing closure.

### **Expanding KanCare will improve health and financial security for 150,000 Kansans who currently fall into the coverage gap.**

- 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.

(To learn more about how KanCare expansion will benefit our state, visit <https://www.expandkancare.com/resources/>)



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## Expand KanCare: How You Can Help

Join the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas at [expandkancare.com](https://expandkancare.com)

To share stories about the coverage gap, email [marissa@expandkancare.com](mailto:marissa@expandkancare.com), or submit your stories on our website at [expandkancare.com/share-your-story](https://expandkancare.com/share-your-story).

Sign our petition to urge candidates to support KanCare expansion at [expandkancare.com/get-involved](https://expandkancare.com/get-involved).

To volunteer to collect petition signatures or to learn more about how you can be a KanCare expansion advocate, email [taylor@expandkancare.com](mailto:taylor@expandkancare.com).

Use #ExpandKanCare and #ksleg to promote KanCare expansion on social media.

On Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ExpandKanCare/](https://www.facebook.com/ExpandKanCare/)

On Twitter: @ExpandKanCare

On TikTok: @AllianceforaHealthyKS

Reach out to the faith leaders, business leaders, and leaders of community organizations that you know and ask them to join the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas. More info at [expandkancare.com/who-we-are](https://expandkancare.com/who-we-are).