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KanCare Expansion: Just the Facts

States can count on federal financial support for expansion.

Payment for the Medicaid program is shared by the federal and state governments. Medicaid expansion is financed with an enhanced match rate, in which the federal government funds 90% of program costs (compared to 55% in the current KanCare program). This enhanced rate cannot be changed without the approval of Congress and the President.

- Funding for Medicaid expansion was covered in full by the federal government through 2016. Federal funding gradually phases down to 90% in 2020 and never drops below that rate. So, for every \$100 in health care costs for newly eligible Kansans, the federal government will pay \$90, a return on state investment of 9 to 1.
- New federal law would be required to change the funding commitment, which is incredibly unlikely. Congress has modified Medicaid's overall matching rate only three times over the last thirty-five years and has never permanently decreased these rates.
- Now that 38 states and Washington, DC, have enacted Medicaid expansion, a supermajority of members of Congress represents expansion states. It is highly unlikely they would vote to stop the flow of billions of dollars to their states and leave millions of their constituents without health coverage.
- In the event that federal law is changed and funding declines – or for any other reason – states can opt to withdraw from Medicaid expansion. Such a “circuit breaker” provision is included in KanCare expansion legislation being considered by the Kansas Legislature.



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Expand KanCare: How You Can Help

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

Sign our petition to urge candidates to support KanCare expansion at 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.

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