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KanCare Expansion: Just the Facts

Most people eligible for KanCare expansion are in working families.

- In Kansas, 68% of those eligible for KanCare expansion work or are in working families. Most are employed in the service industry, construction, retail, and other industries that are less likely to offer affordable insurance. They work jobs that are crucial to the state economy but often pay little.
- Many of these hardworking Kansans work in essential or front-line industries. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, these workers were left with no access to affordable health coverage, even as they risked their personal safety to provide essential goods and services.
- Medicaid expansion supports work. Access to healthcare makes it easier for those enrolled in Medicaid to look for work and to maintain steady employment. Medicaid enrollees report that having Medicaid coverage makes them better at their jobs.
- KanCare expansion will encourage work and job advancement among low-income parents. For example, in Kansas, a single mother with two dependent children makes too much to qualify for KanCare if she earns more than \$8,345 per year – about \$4 per hour in a full-time job. If she gets a better job or a raise, she would fall into the coverage gap – her income would be too high to qualify for KanCare and too low to qualify for assistance to purchase private insurance. If Kansas were to expand KanCare, low-income parents could earn more without losing their health coverage.
- KanCare expansion supports family health. Studies show that extending Medicaid coverage to more adults is linked to increased coverage for children too. Children are 29% more likely to have an annual well-child visit if their parents are enrolled in Medicaid.
- KanCare expansion will create nearly 23,000 new jobs and help Kansans find and maintain steady employment, which will stimulate the state economy and help Kansas families be more financially secure.



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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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