



KanCare Expansion: Just the Facts

KanCare is cost-efficient and is moving forward with care and payment improvements.

- KanCare – the Kansas state Medicaid program – is designed to enhance fiscal sustainability and promote high-quality care and personal responsibility.
- Medicaid costs per beneficiary are lower than those for private insurance and lower than national per capita health care costs. Access to care for Medicaid enrollees is generally comparable to access for privately insured patients, and it is significantly better than for those who are uninsured.
- Kansas is among a number of states working with the Centers on Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on state innovation models, such as the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program. DSRIP provides states with funding to support hospitals and other providers in improving how they provide care to Medicaid beneficiaries. This funding reduces costs and supports improvements to patient and population health.
- States have the flexibility to design Medicaid expansion programs that address their unique health care needs, and also fit the cultural and political landscape of the state. A number of expansion states have created waiver-based expansion programs that include policies such as cost-sharing, incentives for healthy behaviors, work program referrals, and the use of Medicaid funds to purchase private insurance policies.
- Medicaid is the nation's largest payer for mental health care and treatment for substance use disorders (SUD). States are using this influence to innovate the delivery of care, treatment plans, and financing for mental health care and SUD treatment. Especially considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on mental health and substance use, Medicaid expansion coverage is more likely than ever to serve as a substantial source of coverage for behavioral health care.



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 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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