



KanCare Expansion: Just the Facts

The disability community supports Medicaid expansion.

KanCare expansion is a policy that will benefit all Kansans, including Kansans with disabilities. Medicaid expansion has increased access to health care coverage for people with disabilities – and personal care attendants for people with disabilities – in states that have adopted expansion. States that have expanded Medicaid have also saved millions in spending for home- and community-based services (HCBS) and waiting lists for such services have decreased. KanCare expansion will support the disability community in Kansas.

- 15,000 Kansans with disabilities would be eligible for coverage if KanCare expansion is enacted.
- Medicaid expansion does not force people with disabilities onto waiting lists for Medicaid, and there are no waiting lists to enroll in Medicaid. In fact, many states that have expanded Medicaid have experienced shorter waiting lists for HCBS services.
- States that have expanded Medicaid generate significant savings and revenue that not only offset the cost of enacting expansion, but also create a surplus that can be used to expand HCBS.
- Direct support workers and personal care attendants who care for Kansans with disabilities will benefit from KanCare expansion too. Expansion would provide coverage for these workers and assist with recruitment and retention. This is especially important considering the current shortage of these critical workers in Kansas, and nationally.
- Family caregivers of Kansans with disabilities will also benefit from KanCare expansion. Studies show that caregivers in expansion states experience significantly better mental health outcomes, and report having fewer poor mental health days than caregivers in non-expansion states.
- KanCare expansion supports employment for people with disabilities. People with disabilities living in expansion states are significantly more likely to be employed than those living in states that have not expanded Medicaid.



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