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KanCare Expansion: Just the Facts

Medicaid expansion improves maternal and infant health outcomes.

- Medicaid expansion improves access to care before, during, and after pregnancy, and thus improves overall maternal and infant health.
- Medicaid expansion has helped to reduce maternal mortality rates. Infant mortality rates have fallen nationally in recent years, but expansion states saw infant mortality rates fall 50% more than non-expansion states between 2010 and 2016.
- Overall, there are fewer maternal deaths per live birth in expansion states than in non-expansion states. Maternal death among Black women, in particular, has decreased substantially in expansion states.
- Since 1989, Medicaid has been available to any pregnant person (whose household income is below 133% of the federal poverty line) for the duration of her pregnancy and for 60 days after giving birth.
- In expansion states, low-income pregnant women have sustained insurance coverage beyond just 60 days following delivery, which is linked to better maternal and infant health outcomes. Conversely, in non-expansion states, the process of obtaining Medicaid once becoming pregnant can cause delays in access to necessary prenatal care. Furthermore, the loss of coverage 60 days after giving birth increases the risk of untreated pregnancy complications after birth.
- The U.S. has the highest maternal mortality ratio among high-income countries, with 17 maternal deaths for every 100,000 live births – a ratio that is more than twice that of countries such as Canada and the United Kingdom. Medicaid expansion reduces maternal mortality and improves health outcomes for mothers, infants, and children.



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