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KanCare Expansion: Just the Facts

KanCare expansion is a crucial step towards advancing racial justice and addressing racial health disparities in Kansas.

- Medicaid expansion helps narrow racial disparities in health care coverage and health outcomes. States that have expanded Medicaid show greater reduction in racial disparities in coverage and access to care and decreased racial disparities in screening rates for a variety of health conditions and the ability to afford health care.
- Maternal death among Black women has decreased substantially in expansion states compared to non-expansion states.
- People of color are far more likely to be uninsured than white people in Kansas – as well as nationally. 13.6% of Native Americans in Kansas, 17.9% of Black Kansans, and 23.9% of Latinx Kansans are uninsured, compared to 7.9% of white Kansans.
- Compared to non-expansion states, states that have expanded Medicaid have seen a narrowing in the gap in uninsurance rates between Black and Latinx people and white people.
- Racial disparities in health outcomes have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Communities of color in Kansas – including Black, Latinx, and Native American communities – have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened the racial health gap and made KanCare expansion more crucial than ever to protect the health of Kansas communities.
- Medicaid expansion is correlated with increased early diagnosis and fewer deaths related to chronic illnesses. People of color have experienced the greatest improvements in this early detection and treatment.
- Medicaid expansion brings new federal funding for services provided through Indian Health Services, tribal health programs, and facilities contracted to provide services for Native Americans.
- Compared to non-expansion states, states that have expanded Medicaid have narrower disparities between communities of color and white communities in the share of medical debt.



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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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