

# EXPANDING KANCARE

Good for Kansas. Good for Thomas County.

## REDUCES HEALTH CARE COSTS FOR EVERYONE.

When low-wage Kansans can't get health coverage, that means more in ER bills, increased uncompensated care for hospitals, and untreated mental and physical health needs. Individuals, families, and businesses all end up paying more for health care. Expanding KanCare will bring down the cost of health care for everyone.

## PROTECTS KANSANS FROM MEDICAL DEBT.

People all over the state feel the effects of rising costs for housing, food, and other needs, including health care. Almost half of Kansans have medical debt or know someone who does. By expanding KanCare, tens of thousands of people will be able to afford insurance coverage. That protects them from medical debt, so they can use those savings to pay for other essentials.

## FIXES ELIGIBILITY LIMITS, WHICH ARE TOO LOW.

The income limit in 2023 to qualify for KanCare is about \$9,500 per year for a family of three, which is about \$4 per hour. Expanding KanCare would raise the income eligibility limits so that more hardworking Kansans who contribute to the economy can get the health care they need for themselves and their families.

## PRESERVES & STRENGTHENS RURAL HEALTH CARE.

Kansans in our rural communities have a hard time accessing health care when and where they need it, and rural health care providers face high levels of uncompensated care. Fifty-five rural Kansas hospitals are at immediate or high risk of closing in Kansas, more than any other state our size. Expanding KanCare would strengthen and sustain the rural health care system and help ensure rural Kansans get the health care they need while giving a boost to their economies.

## HELPS TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL WORKFORCE SHORTAGE.

When more people have access to the physical and behavioral health care they need, there are more workers healthy enough to re-enter or remain in the workforce.

## MAKES KANSAS MORE ECONOMICALLY COMPETITIVE.

Expanding KanCare would increase the state's economic output by \$17 billion and increase the personal income of Kansans by \$6.3 billion over the next three years. Expanding KanCare will not only improve the health of Kansans, but it will also help our state compete with our neighbors, who have expanded eligibility for their Medicaid programs.



ALLIANCE FOR A  
HEALTHY KANSAS

EXPANDING  
KANCARE  
WILL BENEFIT

THOMAS  
COUNTY

182

Thomas County uninsured residents who would become eligible for KanCare with expansion.

61

new jobs would be created in Thomas County with KanCare expansion.

\$1,565,928

in new annual health care spending in Thomas County.