



Georgia “Pathways to Coverage” Program Talking Points

- On July 1, 2023, Georgia began offering some residents access to Medicaid if they meet certain work reporting requirements. Enrollees will be required to show proof of working, volunteering, studying, or in vocational rehabilitation for at least 80 hours per month or risk losing coverage.
- It’s more accurate to call this new program “partial” Medicaid expansion. Because it doesn’t meet the requirements of full Medicaid expansion as outlined in the Affordable Care Act, Georgia will not receive the federal funding match that all other Medicaid expansion states receive. The lack of federal match dollars, plus the expense of implementing these new reporting requirements, means Georgians are footing these increased costs.
- Georgia is the only state in the U.S. with work reporting requirements to qualify for Medicaid. Research shows that other states that have tried to implement similar requirements have not been successful, and there is no evidence that work reporting requirements increase employment among those who receive coverage.
- Though this isn’t the right model for Kansas, it is an example of how other holdout states are moving past the debate about *whether* to expand Medicaid and on to more important conversations about *how* to get health coverage to its residents. It’s time for Kansas policymakers to start doing the same thing.