

## KanCare expansion and Kansas

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



**Nearly all Kansas industries employ Kansans who would potentially be eligible for KanCare if it was expanded.** Many of these individuals would qualify for KanCare because they are not offered employer-sponsored coverage or they can't afford the coverage they are offered.



**Private -sector employers in Kansas could see financial benefits from expanding KanCare.** Employers could save up to \$80 million per year in reduced contributions to employer-sponsored health plans and reduced tax penalties.



**There are non-financial benefits for employers, too.** Medicaid expansion has resulted in better health for employees, higher productivity, and reduced absenteeism. Healthier employees mean a healthier workforce.



**Medicaid expansion makes it easier for people to work.** Data from Medicaid expansion in Ohio found that 83.5% of enrollees said Medicaid coverage made it easier to keep working, and 60% of unemployed enrollees said Medicaid coverage made it easier to look for work.

## BORDER COMMUNITIES NEED EXPANSION

All of Kansas' surrounding states have expanded their Medicaid programs, leaving Kansas behind. This makes them more attractive for employers to locate and people to live and work. Kansas needs to close the coverage gap to keep us from being left behind.

## KANCARE EXPANSION and the WORKFORCE

The following Kansas industries would benefit from KanCare expansion the most:



ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICES

22,697 KANSANS

RETAIL & CUSTOMER SERVICE  
19,493 KANSANS



HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

17,757 KANSANS

EDUCATION  
17,048 KANSANS



MANUFACTURING

15,949 KANSANS

CONSTRUCTION  
9,652 KANSANS



AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

4,528 KANSANS



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