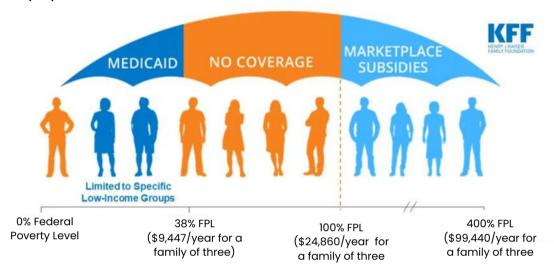
Local governments will benefit from

KANCARE EXPANSION

Kansas has a health coverage problem. Tens of thousands of Kansans fall into the coverage gap and don't have access to affordable health insurance. Kansas has some of the most strict requirements in the country to qualify for our state's Medicaid program, KanCare. This leaves a large group of Kansans without health insurance, making them vulnerable to high medical debt and leaving them with untreated physical and behavioral health issues.



WHY SHOULD LOCAL GOVERNMENTS GET INVOLVED?

The gap in health insurance coverage contributes to rising costs in cities and counties in a variety of ways, including costs in policing and the criminal justice system, the behavioral and mental health system, and workforce and economic development costs.



KanCare expansion reduces crime rates and recidivism by as much as 10 percent, saving cities and counties costs in policing and jails.



KanCare expansion increases revenue for behavioral health providers in the community and provides an infusion of funding to expand services offered.



KanCare expansion makes the workforce healthier and provides financial and nonfinancial benefits to private-sector employers.

