

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ACA MEDICAID EXPANSION
for use by Local Governments**

Developed by Alliance for a Healthy Kansas for possible use by local governments in Kansas.

WHEREAS:

1. The Supreme Court ruled that Medicaid, known as KanCare in the state of Kansas, expansion is option for states under the Affordable Care Act. This means that Kansas's Governor and Legislature must decide to opt into KanCare expansion.
2. KanCare expansion would provide health care insurance for an estimated 150,000 low-income Kansans, significantly reducing the number of uninsured individuals. The vast majority of these individuals would otherwise remain uninsured;
3. Under the federal law states pay 10 percent of the cost of covering the expansion population while the federal government pays 90 percent of the cost. In order to reduce the federal match percentage, a majority of Congress would need to vote for the change;
4. As reported in the [New England Journal of Medicine](#), *“State Medicaid expansions to cover low-income adults were significantly associated with reduced mortality as well as improved coverage, access to care, and self-reported health.”*
5. The cost of the expansion would be further offset by savings in the provision of mental health services and of medical services delivered in the criminal justice system. State and local tax dollars currently funding those services would be replaced with federal Medicaid dollars;
6. Kansas’s health care system has lost out on more than \$6 billion since 2014 by not implementing expansion, and those funds went to states that are participating in Medicaid expansion;
7. Federal spending in Kansas at this level has been shown to have a powerful economic impact. Funds coming into Kansas create or support jobs in the health care sector; and those jobs generate significant economic activity that brings tax revenue back to state coffers;
8. 80 percent of the states in the country, including all of the states surrounding Kansas, have implemented expansion putting Kansas at an economic, workforce and humanitarian disadvantage.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED:

Be it therefore resolved that the _____ County Commission votes to actively and visibly support KanCare expansion when the decision comes before the Kansas Legislature.