

RESOLUTION NO. 7510

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS, DECLARING SUPPORT OF AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA) MEDICAID EXPANSION IN THE STATE OF KANSAS.

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court ruled that expansion of Medicaid, known as KanCare in the State of Kansas, is optional for states under the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas has identified KanCare expansion as one of their 2023 City of Lawrence Legislative Priorities; and

WHEREAS, KanCare expansion would provide health care coverage for an estimated 150,000 low-income Kansans, and 3,040+ low-income Douglas County residents, significantly reducing the number of uninsured individuals in the State, the County and the City; and

WHEREAS insured individuals are more likely to get the mental and physical health care they need to join the workforce, care for their families, and be productive citizens; and

WHEREAS 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; and

WHEREAS 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; and


WHEREAS all the states surrounding Kansas, have implemented expansion putting Lawrence at an economic, workforce and humanitarian disadvantage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas declares their support of KanCare expansion in the State of Kansas.

ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, this 7th day of November 2023.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:




Sherri Riedemann, City Clerk





Lisa Larsen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Toni R. Wheeler, City Attorney