

# FEATURED STORY



## Jim, Wichita

Jim has farmed his entire life. He enjoys working with crops and large machinery, but he injured his foot on the job and had to stop working. Because he worked part-time, he didn't have health insurance and struggled to get his injury

cared for properly. He put off the care he needed, and as a result, doctors had to amputate his foot.

Now Jim qualifies for Medicaid coverage, but if Kansas had expanded Medicaid, Jim could have gotten care for his foot injury and gone back to work, doing the farming he loves to do. Instead, he is now unable to work and spends most of his time in a wheelchair.

Jim is an advocate for Medicaid expansion because he knows what it is like to go without needed health care, and he believes all Kansans deserve access to affordable health insurance.



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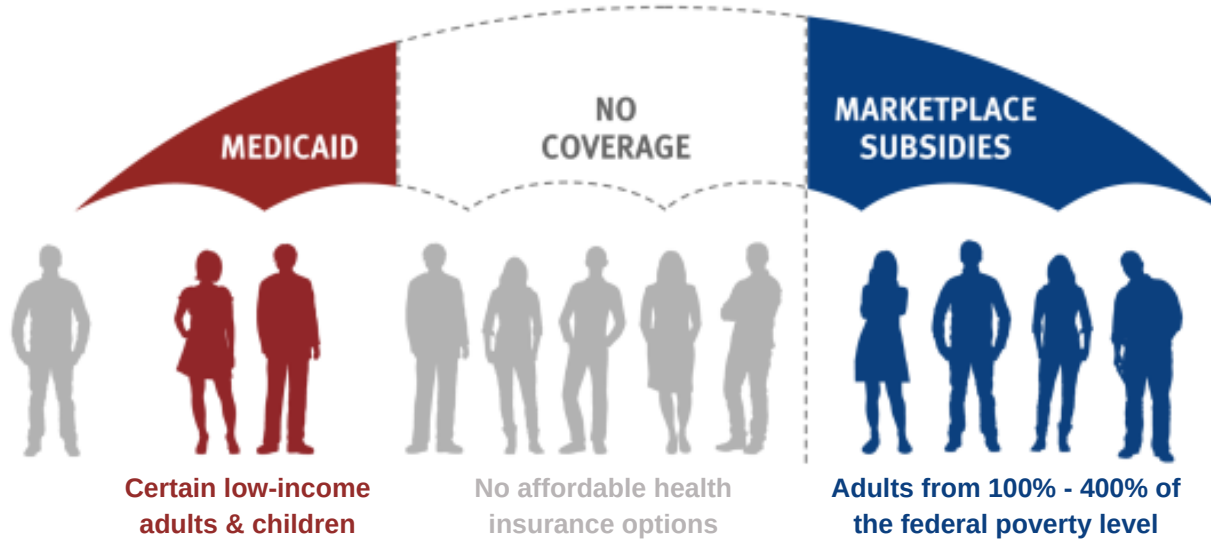
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# KANSAS HAS A HEALTH COVERAGE PROBLEM.

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- **Adults age 19 - 64 in Kansas are not eligible for Medicaid coverage unless they meet an eligible exception. These exceptions include:**
  - Pregnant women, up to 1 year after birth
  - Having a disability recognized by the federal Social Security Administration, or
  - Having at least one dependent child at home with an income of less than 38% of the federal poverty level. This is about \$10,000 per year for a family of 3 in 2024.
- **Adults without minor children at home do not qualify for Medicaid, regardless of how low their income is, unless they meet another exception listed above.**
- **Financial assistance on the Marketplace begins at 100% of the federal poverty level, or about \$25,000 per year for a family of 3 in 2024.**
- **Kansans who don't meet one of the exceptions listed above, who make less than 100% of the federal poverty level fall into the health insurance coverage gap.**

**If you fall in the health insurance coverage gap, we want to hear your story!**

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SHARE YOUR STORY?

We work with Kansans who live in the coverage gap to share stories with policymakers in our work to expand our Medicaid program, KanCare.

Your story is a powerful message to the people in Topeka who pass laws and make changes to improve the lives of Kansans.

**Sharing your story is easy - all you have to do is talk!** We'll do the rest of the work, and you can tell us how you want us to use your story to create change. Our stories go on our website and in our social media, but we also sometimes connect our storytellers with lawmakers and/or journalists who reach out to us.

Not sure if you have a story to tell? Let's chat anyway! We are interested in all types of stories, but especially experiences that include:

- mental or behavioral health needs
- living everyday with a chronic illness
- struggling to recover from an injury or illness
- medical debt