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**Keep money in your pocket.** Medicaid expansion provides health care for Kansans who don't have health insurance and bring down costs for those who do have health insurance.



**Shield you from medical debt.** You shouldn't have to choose between health care or paying for basic necessities. You shouldn't have to take out loans or file for bankruptcy because of medical debt. Access to affordable health insurance protects Kansans.



**Remove barriers to work.** Having access to medical care means you can be healthy enough to stay in or re-enter the workforce.



**Boost our economy.** Forty other states, including all of our surrounding states, have already expanded Medicaid. They receive federal tax money that Kansas is missing out on. Medicaid expansion is a boost for our local and state economies.



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