

# KANSAS MEDICAID EXPANSION: ELK COUNTY

Everything is more expensive these days. Families are paying more for groceries, gas, rent, and other needs. Health care costs are also skyrocketing, even for those with health insurance. **Medicaid expansion is one policy solution that will allow all Kansas families the freedom to live, work, and access the health care they need.**

## 73

more uninsured Elk County residents would become eligible for affordable health insurance.

## 24

new jobs would be created in Elk County because of Medicaid expansion.

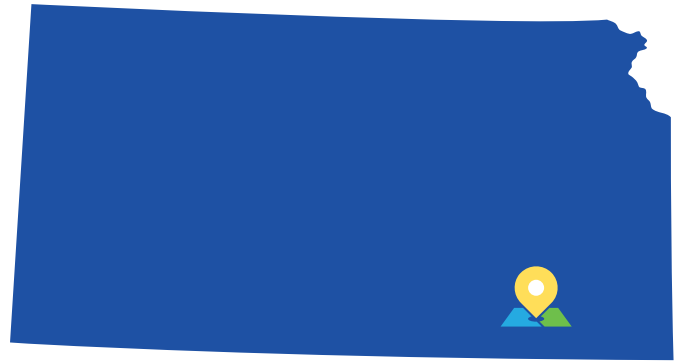
## \$737,592

in new annual health care spending in Elk County because of Medicaid expansion.



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## What else can Medicaid expansion do?

**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. 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. Medicaid expansion is a boost for our local and state economies.

**Defend rural communities.** Kansas has more rural hospitals at risk of closing than any other state our size. Medicaid expansion is an additional stable source of funding for hospitals, making it less likely that they have to reduce services or close their doors permanently.

*Sources: Kansas Department of Health & Environment, U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, and The Commonwealth Fund.*