

Health care is love.

# LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

## Protect Health Care at the State Level

There are **248,308 Kansans who are uninsured**. Medicaid expansion would benefit about **150,000** Kansans.<sup>1</sup>



A single parent with two children won't qualify for Medicaid if she makes more than **\$10,127 per year**. That's about **\$844 per month** to pay for food, rent, transportation, clothing, and other needs. Medicaid expansion would fix these eligibility limits, which are too low.<sup>2</sup>

**Nearly every industry in Kansas** has employees that would benefit from Medicaid expansion. The top five jobs that would benefit the most are:<sup>3</sup>



Cashiers



Waiters & waitresses



Nursing assistants



Janitors & cleaners



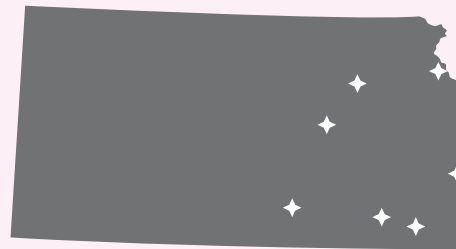
Cooks

**About 70%** of non-elderly adults in the coverage gap **work at least one job**. Those who don't work are caretakers for family members or have a chronic condition that keeps them from working.<sup>4</sup>

Medicaid expansion would benefit the approximately **1 in 10 veterans** who **don't have health insurance** or their family members who don't otherwise have access to coverage.<sup>5</sup>



**Approximately 75% of Kansans with disabilities don't qualify for Medicaid**. But Medicaid expansion would mean they could get access to affordable health care. Additionally, direct service workers who currently live without health insurance would gain access to affordable health care.<sup>1,6</sup>



★ location of rural hospital closure

**Eight rural Kansas hospitals** have closed in-patient services since 2015. Kansas currently has more rural hospitals at risk of closing than any other state our size. Hospitals in states with **Medicaid expansion are about 84% less likely to close** than in states without expansion, like Kansas.<sup>7,8,9</sup>

## Protect Health Care at the Federal Level

**More than a third of Kansas children are covered by Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**. Federal Medicaid cuts would take health care away from children and create financial pressures on Kansas families who are already struggling with rising costs.<sup>10</sup>



**Medicaid is critical to rural communities**. Kansans in rural areas and small towns rely more on Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program than people who live in urban areas.<sup>11</sup>

The majority of Kansas nursing home residents (53%) rely on Medicaid coverage to pay for nursing home costs. **Medicaid cuts will put a financial strain on long-term care facilities and the families of Kansas elders**.<sup>12</sup>

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