

## **KanCare Expansion: Just the Facts**

## KanCare expansion will boost the state economy.

Medicaid expansion brings hundreds of millions of federal dollars back to states each year. This money ripples through the state economy, creating economic growth, new jobs, and new state revenue. Expansion states have experienced these benefits:

- Louisiana Medicaid expansion in Louisiana created and supported more than 19,000 new jobs in the first year of implementation. After implementing expansion, disproportionate share payments to hospitals fell, and \$4 billion in new revenue for the state's healthcare providers was generated.
- Montana As of 2020, the expansion has saved the Montana state health department more than \$30 million.
- Kentucky According to the state's Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, most of the federal money that has supported expansion in Kentucky has gone to doctors, hospitals, pharmacists, and other healthcare practitioners. Kentucky saw a 58% reduction in the uninsured rate from 2010 to 2019.
- Michigan Increased federal funding coming into Michigan has created more than 30,000 new jobs and generated about \$150 million in additional state revenue from income and sales taxes. Furthermore, a greater proportion of those enrolled in the Medicaid program reported being employed and/or a student.
- Colorado During the first two years of expansion, Colorado experienced a \$3.82 billion increase in the state GDP, a \$102.4 million increase in general fund revenues, and a \$643 increase in average household income. Additionally, 31,704 new jobs were created.
- Nebraska Nebraskans approved Medicaid expansion in 2018 through a ballot initiative. Since its implementation in 2020, an estimated 90,000 Nebraskans became eligible for coverage under Medicaid expansion.

- Oklahoma Oklahomans approved Medicaid expansion in 2020 through a ballot initiative. Nearly 250,000 Oklahomans enrolled in Medicaid during the first six months of expansion being implemented.
- Pennsylvania– In Pennsylvania, expansion resulted in an additional 15,500 jobs, an increase in economic output of \$2.2 billion, and resulted in an additional \$53.4 million in state tax revenue during the first year of implementation.

Kansas will experience these economic benefits as well, once KanCare expansion is implemented. Nearly 23,000 jobs in healthcare, retail, construction, and other industries will be created in Kansas following the implementation of KanCare expansion. Failing to expand KanCare has cost Kansas more than \$5.3 billion in federal funding since 2014. And, it is projected that Kansas will forgo more than \$10 billion in economic output in the next five years if we don't expand KanCare.



## **Expand KanCare: How You Can Help**

Join the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas at <a href="mailto:expandkancare.com">expandkancare.com</a>

To share stories about the coverage gap, email <a href="mailto:marissa@expandkancare.com">marissa@expandkancare.com</a>, or submit your stories on our website at <a href="mailto:expandkancare.com/share-your-story">expandkancare.com/share-your-story</a>.

Sign our petition to urge candidates to support KanCare expansion at <u>expandkancare.com/get-involved</u>.

To volunteer to collect petition signatures or to learn more about how you can be a KanCare expansion advocate, email <a href="mailto:taylor@expandkancare.com">taylor@expandkancare.com</a>.

Use #ExpandKanCare and #ksleg to promote KanCare expansion on social media.

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On Twitter: @ExpandKanCare

On TikTok: @AllianceforaHealthyKS

Reach out to the faith leaders, business leaders, and leaders of community organizations that you know and ask them to join the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas. More info at <a href="mailto:expandkancare.com/who-we-are">expandkancare.com/who-we-are</a>.