



KanCare Expansion: Just the Facts

KanCare expansion protects and strengthens rural hospitals.

Medicaid expansion significantly reduces hospital uncompensated care costs and stabilizes rural hospitals, helping them to keep their doors open.

- In Kansas, 34 rural hospitals are at immediate risk of closing, and 36 rural hospitals are at high risk of closing. That means 70 of the 104 rural hospitals in Kansas are at risk of closing their doors. As a percentage of total rural hospitals in the state, Kansas has more hospitals at risk of closing than any other state in the US, with 67% of rural hospitals facing closure.
- In addition to compromising the health of rural residents, a hospital closure causes job loss, declining economic activity, and loss of vibrancy and quality of life in rural communities. In rural communities where hospitals close, access to healthcare decreases for the entire community regardless of whether a person has health insurance or not.
- Medicaid expansion results in improved hospital financial performance, improved operating margins, and a lower likelihood of closure, especially in rural communities. Rural hospitals in non-expansion states are *six* times more likely to close than rural hospitals in states that have expanded Medicaid.
- Rural hospital closures lead to reduced access to care and a loss of highly skilled jobs, resulting in detrimental impacts on local economies. In rural communities, a hospital closure would mean that residents have no access to emergency or inpatient care without traveling long distances.
- Medicaid expansion is associated with a national reduction in hospital uncompensated care costs. However, uncompensated care has not declined significantly in non-expansion states. Because of this, the vast majority of recent hospital closures have occurred in states that have not expanded Medicaid.
- Hospital systems that operate in both expansion and non-expansion states report a far higher reduction in uncompensated care in expansion state hospitals compared to hospitals in non-expansion states.



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