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Kansas Has Now Left \$2 Billion in Funding on the Table

Every second, Kansas loses \$22.32 in federal funding by not expanding KanCare

(July 19, 2017) – Yesterday, the total amount of federal funds Kansas has forfeited by not expanding KanCare reached \$2 billion. This represents an average loss in Kansas taxpayer dollars of \$18.40 every second since Jan. 1, 2014. These funds have gone to the federal government to be spent in other states for Medicaid expansion. The Kansas Hospital Association maintains a live ticker demonstrating this growing loss in funding at www.kha-net.org.

With the recent failure of the Better Care Reconciliation Act, Kansas still has the opportunity to expand coverage to approximately 150,000 hardworking Kansans who fall in the health care coverage gap. The Kansas Legislature nearly accomplished expanding our state's program in the last session, and health care advocates will continue to work on a Kansas solution to expand KanCare.

Independent sources estimate expanding KanCare would actually bring hundreds of millions of dollars in net financial gains annually through at least 2025 – a stark but welcome contrast to the now \$2 billion loss Kansas has seen due to inaction on expanding KanCare.

Kansas hospitals will continue to work with our elected officials to address our concerns with federal health care reform in hopes that Kansas will have the opportunity to keep our dollars in Kansas to improve access to health care coverage for our citizens.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 212 member facilities, of which 127 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is: "Optimal Health for Kansans."

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