



KHA's Capitol Comments **March 1, 2024**

2024 Rally for Medicaid Expansion – Mar. 6

The Alliance for a Healthy Kansas and other Medicaid expansion advocacy groups are hosting [a rally](#) at the Kansas Statehouse at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 6 in the second-floor rotunda of the Capitol. Governor Laura Kelly will give the keynote address. Attendees also will hear from advocates about why Medicaid expansion is so critical. You also can set up a time to [meet with your legislators](#).



Next Week's Schedule

Next week, the legislature will return to committee work with bills from the opposite chambers and begin the final touches on assembling the state mega budget.

Monday, March 4

House Appropriations – 9:00 a.m. – Room 112N

Budget report out: Chairperson Howe, Higher Education budget – the University of Kansas Medical Center, University of Kansas, Pittsburg State University, Fort Hays State University, Emporia State University

Tuesday, March 5

Senate Public Health and Welfare – 8:30 a.m. – Room 142S

Hearing: [House Bill 2596](#) – Adds and removes certain substances in Schedules I, II, IV and V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act and makes conforming changes to the criminal code definition of "fentanyl-related controlled substances"

[House Bill 2777](#) – Prohibits an employee of the Office of the State Fire Marshal from wearing or operating a body camera during an on-site inspection at a patient care facility

Senate Assessment and Taxation – 9:30 a.m. – Room 548S

Hearing: [Senate Bill 498](#) – Establishes a tax credit for contributions to eligible charitable organizations operating pregnancy centers or residential maternity facilities and establishes a child tax credit, increases the tax credit amount for adoption expenses and makes the credit refundable; provides a sales tax exemption for pregnancy resource centers and residential maternity facilities

Senate Ways and Means – 10:30 a.m. – Room 548S

Hearing and final action: [Senate Bill 514](#) – Makes and concerns certain supplemental appropriations for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 and appropriations for fiscal years 2025 and 2026 for various state agencies

House Health and Human Services – 1:30 p.m. – Room 112N

Hearing: [Senate Bill 433](#) – Clarifies practice privileges of institutional license holders
[Senate Bill 352](#) – Enacts the John D. Springer Patient's Bill of Rights to require hospitals to allow in-person visitation, adopts visitation policies and procedures and creates a civil cause of action for violation of such rights

House Welfare Reform – 1:30 p.m. – Room 152S

Hearing: [House Bill 2723](#) – Makes appropriations for the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services for fiscal year 2025 and creates a program for cities to improve and develop infrastructure for homeless shelters

Wednesday, March 6

Senate Public Health and Welfare – 8:30 a.m. – Room 142S

Hearing: [House Bill 2536](#) – Establishes the SOUL Family Legal Permanency Option for children 16 years of age or older

Senate Ways and Means – 10:30 a.m. – Room 548S

Final action: [Senate Bill 514](#) – Makes and concerns certain supplemental appropriations for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 and appropriations for fiscal years 2025 and 2026 for various state agencies

Senate Education – 1:30 p.m. – Room 144S

Hearing: [House Bill 2645](#) – Amends the Nursing Service Scholarship Program to remove limits on the amount of the awards and number of scholarships, removes the sponsorship requirement, modifies the interest rate terms for repayment obligations and abolishes the Nursing Service Scholarship Review Committee

[House Bill 2646](#) – Modifies the financial limitations on awards under the Kansas Hero's Scholarship Act and broadens the eligibility requirements for such awards

House Appropriations – 9:00 a.m. – Room 112N

Medicaid Presentations:

Telehealth

Community Support Waiver – Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Unwinding of Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage – Megan Leopold, managing fiscal analyst, KLRD

House Federal and State Affairs – 9:00 a.m. – Room 346S

Hearing [Senate Bill 434](#) – Exempts the practice of hair removal by sugaring from the definition of cosmetology

Thursday, March 7

Senate Public Health and Welfare – 8:30 a.m. – Room 142S

Hearing: [House Bill 2629](#) – Requires the secretary for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to provide a death certificate of a child to the state Child Death Review Board, increases the number of board members, allows for compensation and provides for the disclosure of certain records to certain persons for securing grants

Senate Commerce – 10:30 a.m. – Room 546S

Hearing: [House Bill 2570](#) – Defines benefit year, temporary unemployment, wages and other terms in the Employment Security Law, requires electronic filing for certain employers, establishes qualifications for the Employment Security Board of Review candidates, extends the deadline for new accounts following business acquisitions, makes certain changes to the employer rate schedules, enables employers to report claimant work search issues, confirms Legislative Coordinating Council oversight for the new unemployment insurance information technology system implementation, authorizes the secretary to grant temporary unemployment, requires the secretary to annually publish certain data, abolishes the Employment Security Interest Assessment Fund and provides relief for negative account balance employers

Senate Ways and Means – 10:30 a.m. – Room 548S

Final action: [Senate Bill 514](#) – Makes and concerns certain supplemental appropriations for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 and appropriations for fiscal years 2025 and 2026 for various state agencies

Friday, March 8

KHA Bill Tracker

The [Kansas Hospital Association Bill Tracker](#) is designed to keep you up-to-date on current legislation. KHA will update and share this document weekly while the legislators are in session.