



## **Media Statement**

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### **KHA Statement on KanCare Expansion**

(Feb. 01, 2021) – The Kansas Hospital Association continues to support KanCare Expansion and the benefits it will bring to Kansas. Expansion improves the health of Kansans by improving access to tens of thousands of hardworking Kansans who cannot afford to wait another year for affordable health care coverage. We must have a Kansas-based solution—a solution that brings hundreds of millions of our federal tax dollars back home to Kansas – creating jobs, boosting our economy and improving the health of Kansans.

At present, thirty-eight states have implemented expansion or are moving toward expansion. With all of Kansas' neighboring states having taken the steps to expand Medicaid, it's critical Kansas have a serious policy discussion about how the issue impacts our ability to attract and maintain a quality workforce in the health industry.

A majority of Kansans support expanding KanCare because they understand how it protects local communities and hospitals while strengthening local and state economies. KanCare expansion will help every single Kansas community.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 218 member facilities, of which 122 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is: "Optimal Health for Kansans."

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