

Expanding KanCare is the “smart” thing *and* the “right” thing to do.

If you agree, here’s how you can help:

- Pass a resolution or policy statement in support of KanCare expansion and publicize your action.
- Contact members of the Kansas Legislature and Gov. Sam Brownback and express your support for expanding KanCare and bringing Kansans’ tax dollars back home.
- Act now before it’s too late. Funding cuts to hospitals have already begun.

Kansas has the opportunity to improve the health of its citizens, strengthen its economy and prevent further health care cost shifting to businesses and insured individuals.

That’s a proposition that
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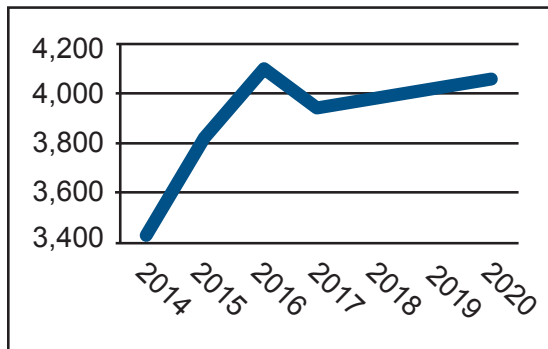
*Expanding KanCare helps
provide the right care, in the
right amount, in the right
setting and at the right time.*

The facts make the business case for expanding KanCare.

KanCare expansion will:

- Bring \$1.6 billion in federal dollars to Kansas from 2014-2016;
- Create approximately 3,400 new jobs in 2014 and 4,000 new jobs by 2020;
- Provide health care coverage to 169,000 Kansans, which will make the population healthier and more productive; and
- Prevent further health care cost shifting to businesses and insured individuals, reducing health insurance premiums over time.

Increase in New Jobs



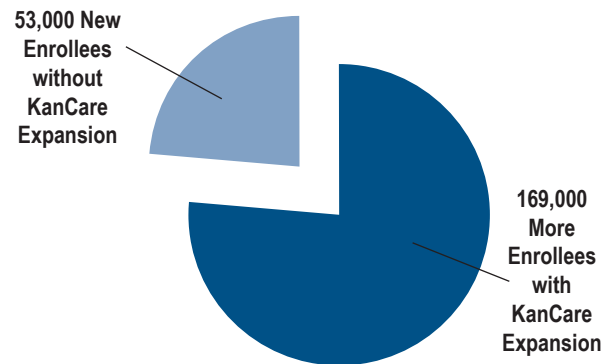
Source: REMI GW Report, Feb. 2013

DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Kansas hospitals employ about 82,000 people;
- ✓ For every hospital job, another 0.73 job is supported in other business and industry; and
- ✓ Hospitals have a total employment impact of more than 140,000 Kansas jobs.

Source: K-State Research and Extension, Jan. 2014

Breakdown of 222,000 New KanCare Enrollees by 2022



Source: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid & the Uninsured, Nov. 2012

Failing to expand KanCare will impact the financial stability of Kansas hospitals.

- Kansas hospitals will sustain \$1.3 billion in federal health care reimbursement cuts over 10 years to help fund the Affordable Care Act and expansion.
- These hospital funding cuts will occur even if Kansas does not expand KanCare coverage and reduce its low-income uninsured population.
- The uninsured population is likely to grow, and without expansion of KanCare, the poor will continue to rely on hospital emergency rooms – the most costly setting for care. Hospitals will shift some of the costs to businesses and other payers and absorb the rest.

Kansas has two choices:

Expand KanCare, which focuses on primary care coordination, improving health outcomes, managing costs and instituting patient accountability to 169,000 low-income Kansans, while at the same time injecting \$1.6 billion into the economy over the next three years,

or

Let Kansans' tax dollars help finance Medicaid expansion in other states, impact the financial stability of the state's 128 community hospitals and compromise access to needed health care services for all Kansans.

The annual income for a Kansas family of four living at 133 percent of the federal poverty level is \$31,721.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ The hidden health tax, now more than \$1,000 for family coverage, is the undisclosed insurance premium surcharge that is paid by businesses and insured families when they purchase health insurance. That surcharge subsidizes the health care costs of the uninsured.

Source: Families USA, May 2009