Close the Coverage Gap:
Expand KanCare
Takeaways

- KanCare expansion is critical to the health and economic vitality of Kansas communities.

- KanCare expansion will bring $$ and jobs to the state.

- KanCare expansion enhances use of preventive and other services and reduces mortality.
In states that do not expand Medicaid, there is a gap in coverage for adults.
Current Status of State Medicaid Expansions
Benefits of KanCare Expansion

“There are a lot of working Kansans who fall in the gap that has been caused by lack of Medicaid expansion. Change NEEDS to happen.”

DR. JULIE STEWART,

Physician at Community Health Centers of Southeast Kansas, on importance of expanding KanCare
Low Cost
Brings Tax Dollars Back to Kansas

Federal funds forfeited since January 1, 2014:

$3,219,803,156

A new Kansas solution will keep our Federal funds here at home

Keep Kansas Healthy

Source: http://www.expandkancare.com, April 1, 2019, 3:33 pm
Economic Stimulus and New Jobs
Support for Hospitals and other Health Care Providers

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Healthy & Financially Secure Kansans
Medicaid Expansion and Public Health

Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Medicaid Expansion Results In:

- Increased insurance coverage across ethnic, racial, age, and income groups.
- Increased coverage for vulnerable populations, including young adults, patients who take prescription drugs, people with HIV, newly diagnosed cancer patients, and early retirees.
- Increased coverage of low-income women before becoming pregnant.
Medicaid Expansion Results In:

- Diminished disparities in uninsurance by race/ethnicity, poverty, and rurality.
- Higher proportion of low and moderate-income adults having a usual source of care.
- Decreased mortality for all causes, including improvements in infant mortality (especially among African Americans) and survival among patients with end-stage renal disease.
Medicaid Expansion Results In:

- Enhanced preventive care, resulting in improved rates of glucose monitoring and access to insulin and other medications for patients with diabetes, better hypertension control, improved rates of prostate and breast cancer screening, and higher rates of Pap testing.

- Increases in self-assessed general health.
Medicaid Expansion Results In:

- Reduction in psychological distress and days of poor mental health.
- Enhanced use of services for mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment.
- Increased access to opioid-use disorder treatment.
Affordable Care Act’s Medicaid Expansion Helping Low-Income People in Kentucky & Arkansas

Estimated effect

- 29% increase in share with a personal physician
- 24% increase in share who got a check-up in the last year
- 17% increase in share getting regular care for chronic conditions
- 42% increase in share reporting “excellent” health

Note: Study estimates changes in outcomes in Kentucky and Arkansas relative to changes in Texas, which did not expand Medicaid.

Medicaid Expansion Reduces Infant Mortality

Medicaid Coverage Enhances Use of Outpatient Care

Outpatient Visit Frequency

Medicaid Coverage Enhances Use of Outpatient Care: Michigan

40% saw a primary care provider in the 12 months before enrollment
2 in 6 reported forgone care

85% saw a primary care provider in the 12 months after enrollment
1 in 6 reported forgone care

Most said they have equal or better access to primary care (94%) and prescription medications (85%) since enrolling in HMP

Goold et al. 2016 Enrollee Survey Report
Medicaid Expansion Increases Use of Diabetes Medications

Myerson et al. Medicaid Eligibility Expansions May Address Gaps In Access To Diabetes Medications, Health Affairs 37(8), August 2018.
ACA Medicaid Expansion Reduced Share of Opioid-Related Hospitalizations in Which Patient Was Uninsured

*The Affordable Care Act (ACA) gave states the option to expand Medicaid to adults with income up to 138 percent of the poverty line starting in 2014.

Source: CBPP analysis of Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project data from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Analysis includes 26 states for which data are available for all of 2011-2015 and which either expanded Medicaid in January 2014, or had not expanded as of October 2015.
How did Michigan’s Medicaid expansion affect the health of low-income people and their ability to work?

38% said their mental health improved since enrolling
40% said their dental health improved since enrolling
48% said their physical health improved since enrolling
55% of those who were out of work said the coverage made them better able to look for a job
69% of those who were employed said the coverage helped them do a better job at work

Tipirneni, Goold & Ayanian
JAMA Intern Med 2017

Tipirneni et al.
J Gen Intern Med 2019

www.ihpi.umich.edu
Financial outcomes improved for Healthy Michigan Plan Enrollees

- Unpaid credit cards & loans: ↓ $233
- Unpaid medical bills: ↓ $515
- Fewer bills sent to collection, home evictions & bankruptcies

Miller et al. National Bureau of Economic Research 2018
The Benefits of KanCare Expansion are Clear

- More health coverage, fewer uninsured
- Better access to care
- Increased use of preventive care
- Improved health outcomes
- Economic growth and new jobs
- Enhanced financial security for families
- Support for employment
- Better financial health for hospitals and other providers
Advocacy

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