



ALLIANCE FOR A
HEALTHY KANSAS

Improving and Expanding KanCare Good for Kansas. Good for Elk County.

The state budget crisis affects every Kansan. Our schools are underfunded, many of our local hospitals are at risk of closure, and thousands of Kansans go without needed health care. We can bring millions of our federal tax dollars back to Kansas to help address the budget crisis and our health care needs.

Elected officials in Topeka, however, turn back \$1.9 million of our federal tax dollars every day. Instead of investing in a state specific solution that will improve and expand KanCare, these funds go to other states. KanCare expansion is a fiscally responsible way to grow the economy and create new jobs, support hospitals, and give 150,000 hard-working Kansans access to health care coverage. It is a common sense step in the right direction that puts practicality over politics.

Economic Impact & Job Creation

Expanding KanCare is projected to bring more than \$500,000 per year in additional health care spending to Elk County. What starts as a small investment in health care will trigger a chain reaction of economic development across our county and state. More Kansans with access to routine and preventive care will bring down costs and create jobs for doctors, nurses, medical support staff, and others, helping to boost local economies and grow small businesses. Over the next five years expanding KanCare will add more than 3,800 jobs in Kansas, including new jobs here in Elk County.

Improved Access to Care

Expanding KanCare will provide health coverage to many residents of Elk County who fall into a coverage gap – they earn too much to qualify for the current KanCare program, but too little to get financial help to buy a private plan. With expansion, more Kansans will be able to access preventive care to help them stay healthy and avoid costly ER visits. Our family, friends, and neighbors will have greater financial security and won't be forced to choose between paying their medical bills and paying for other expenses. Healthy, secure Kansans can be full contributors in their communities.

**Expanding
KanCare
will benefit
Elk County**

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Uninsured
residents
will gain
health
coverage

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New jobs
will be
created

\$529,142

In new annual
health care
spending will
create economic
impact and
improve health

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