



Medicaid and CHIP Already Provide Coverage for the Truly Needy in Kansas

MEDICAID PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR SENIORS AND ADULTS

Kansas already covers all:

- Low-income seniors
- Adults suffering from blindness or other disabilities

MEDICAID AND CHIP PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR KIDS

Kansas already covers all:

- Children with family incomes up to 250 percent FPL
- Children with disabilities that require institutional care
- Children and former children in foster care

MEDICAID PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR FAMILIES

Kansas already covers all:

- Low-income parents and caretakers of children*
- Pregnant women with family incomes up to 166 percent FPL (Much higher than federal minimum)**
- New mothers up to two months postpartum
- Women with breast or cervical cancer

* Up to 33 percent FPL

**Covers 32 percent of all Kansas births

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AND THERE'S EVEN MORE COVERAGE AVAILABLE FOR THE TRULY NEEDY IN KANSAS

- **CHARITABLE CLINICS:** There are **more than 100 charitable clinics** throughout Kansas.¹ These community health centers serve low-income and uninsured individuals.
- **CLINICAL SITES:** There are also **117 clinical sites** that operate on federal funds and provide low-to-no-cost care for low-income individuals and families.²
- **FREE AND SUBSIDIZED PRIVATE PLANS:** Uninsured, low-income Kansans are currently eligible for free and private health care plans.³ Individuals with incomes between **100 and 150 percent FPL** receive free silver-level plans.⁴ And individuals with **incomes up to 400 percent FPL** are eligible for subsidies towards premiums.⁵ When a state expands Medicaid under ObamaCare, these individuals become ineligible for private-plan subsidies and are shifted onto the state Medicaid program instead.
- **SHORT-TERM AND ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS:** There are **more than double the amount of traditional plans** available in Kansas, and premiums are **71 percent cheaper** on average than individual market plans.⁶ And association health plans are up to \$10,000 less per year than traditional plans.⁷

Want To Do More?

With this level of coverage available for the truly needy and **more than 91,000 open jobs** across Kansas, expanding Medicaid to able-bodied adults under ObamaCare is not a solution—*it's a big problem*.⁸

Instead, Kansas should look to expand affordable, private health care options like non-profit/Farm Bureau plans.

Seven states now allow these low-cost plans, and premiums are up to **77 percent less expensive**.⁹ These private plans—not dependency on big government programs—are a better path for health care in Kansas.

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