

KanCare Expansion & United Methodist Church Social Principles



Presentation Overview

- Introduction and KanCare Expansion Basics – *April Holman, Alliance for a Healthy Kansas*
- Healthcare as a Human Right: How United Methodists understand our positions through Christian principles – *Rev. Charles McKinzie, UMC Pastor, Winfield, KS*
- “Small Experiment” Table Exercise – *Pastor McKinzie*
- Questions and Answers - *All*
- Wrap Up and Next Steps – *April Holman*
- Closing – Responsive Reading of Social Creed – *Pastor McKinzie*

Alliance for a Healthy Kansas



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- Policy education, legislative advocacy, organizing
- Coalition of more than 128 organizations statewide
- Network of thousands of individual advocates
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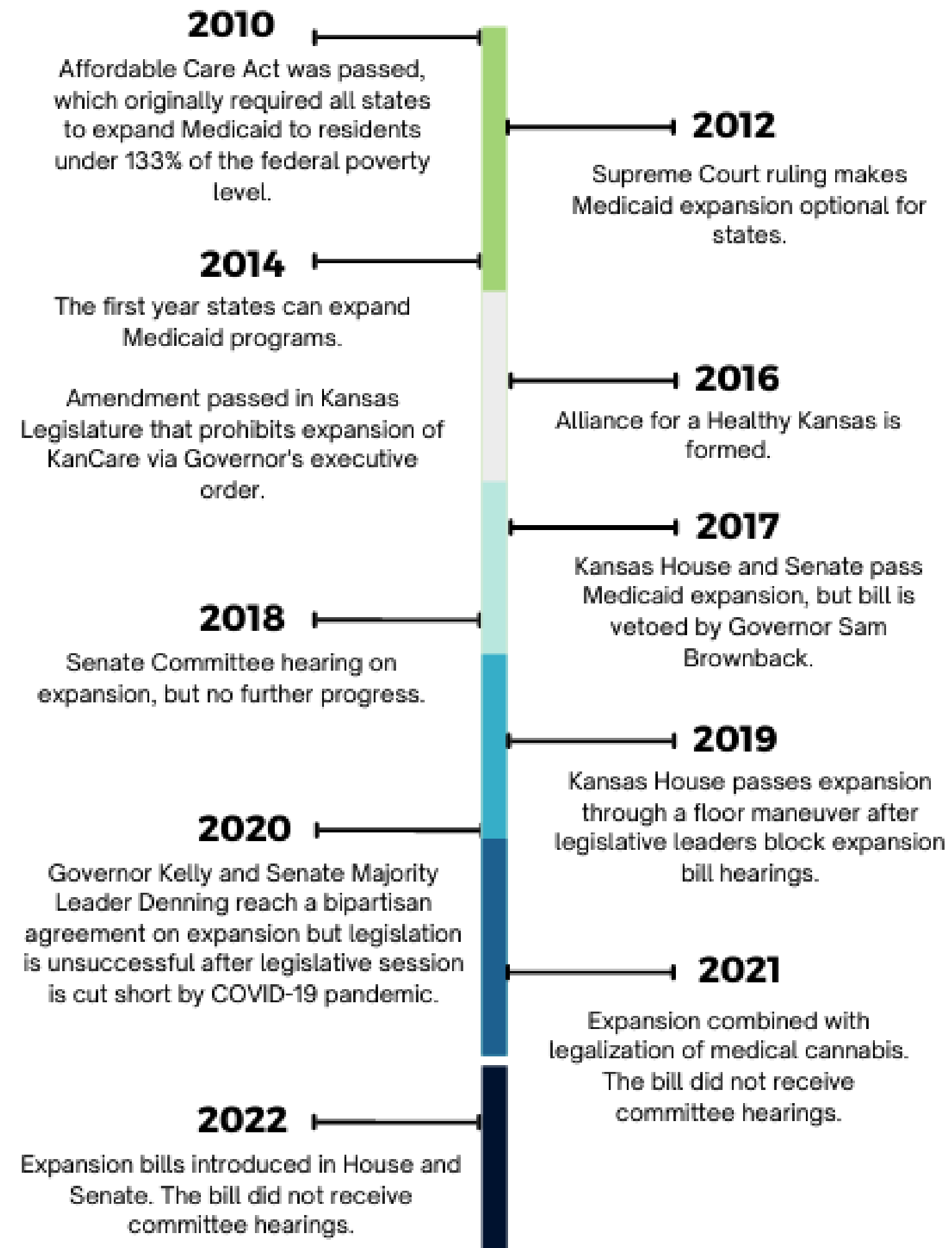
Medicaid Expansion Background

- Medicaid expansion is part of the Affordable Care Act
- Goal was to extend health insurance to low-income Americans
- The federal government pays for 90% of the cost, the state covers 10%
- Expected to extend insurance to 150,000 Kansans



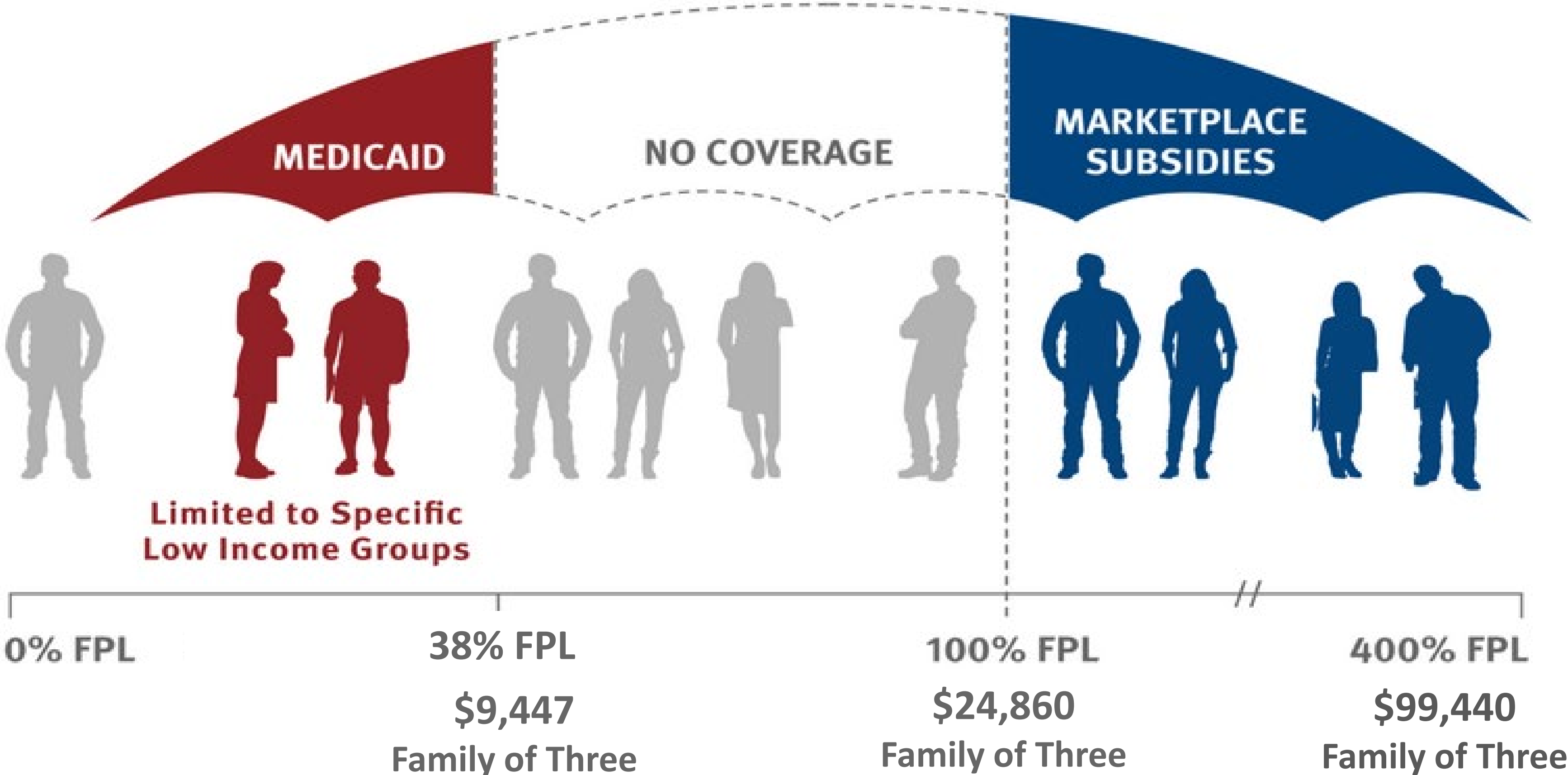
KanCare Expansion Timeline

A timeline of KANCARE EXPANSION



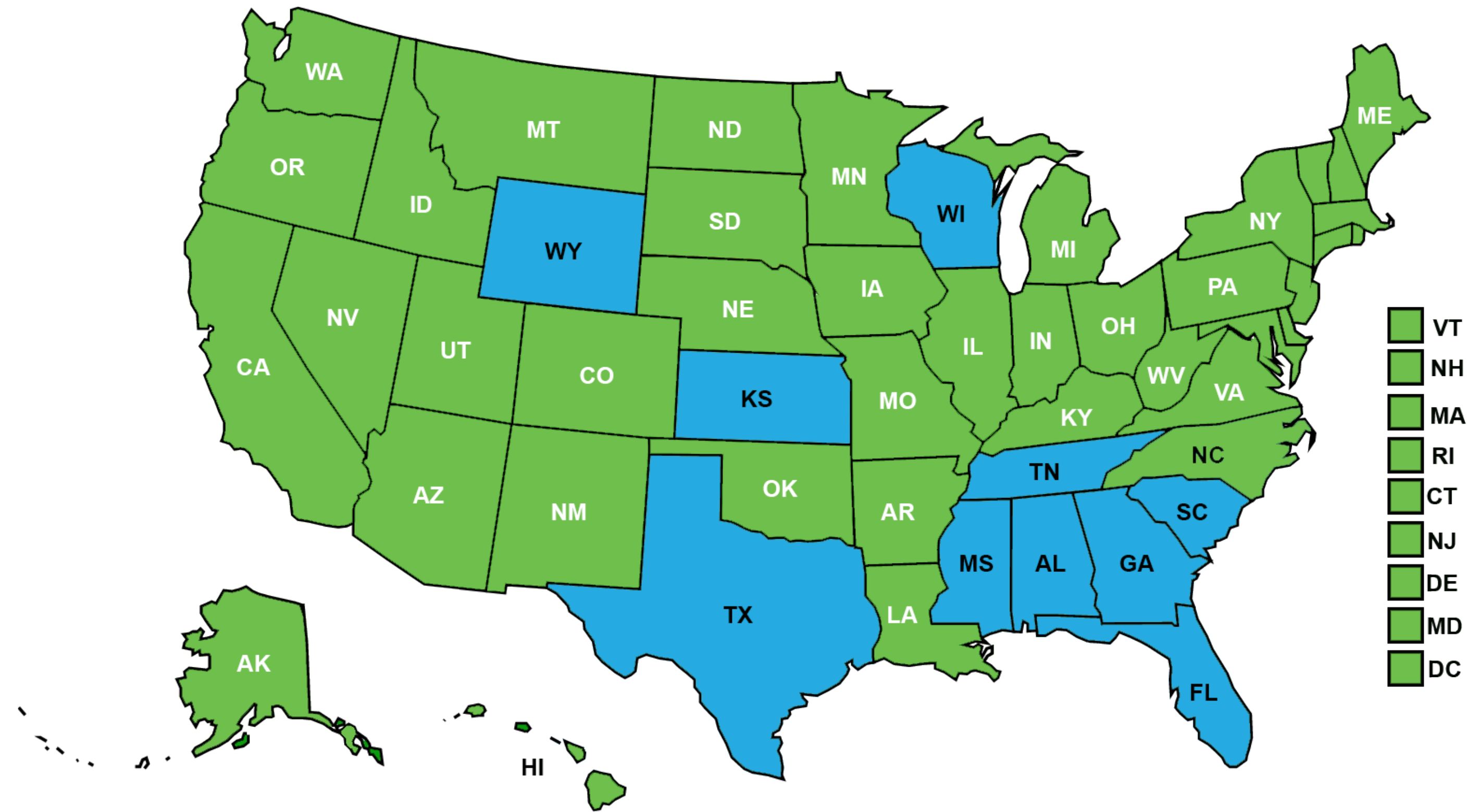
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In states that do not expand Medicaid, there is a coverage gap.

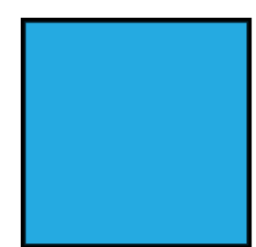


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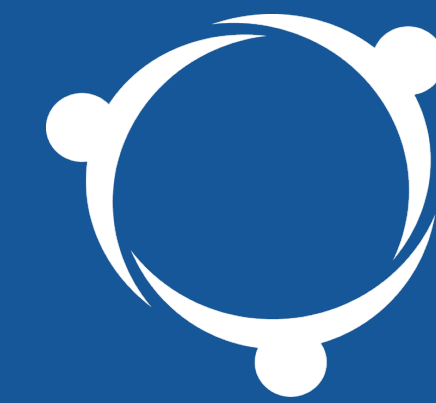
39 States Have Already Expanded Eligibility for their Medicaid Programs



Has adopted Medicaid expansion



Has not adopted Medicaid expansion



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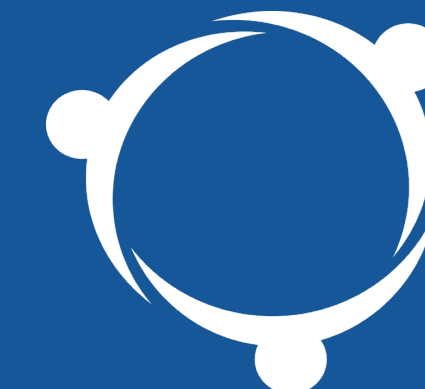
Current Income Eligibility Limits for KanCare are too low.

Household Size	38% FPL	100% FPL	138% FPL	171% FPL
1	\$5,540	\$14,580	\$20,120	\$24,932
2	\$7,494	\$19,720	\$27,214	\$33,721
3	\$9,447	\$24,860	\$34,304	\$42,511
4	\$11,400	\$30,000	\$41,400	\$51,300
5	\$13,353	\$35,140	\$48,493	\$60,089
6	\$15,306	\$40,280	\$55,586	\$68,879
7	\$17,260	\$45,420	\$62,680	\$77,668
8	\$19,213	\$50,560	\$69,773	\$86,458

Medicaid eligible with children or a disability that meets SSDI qualifications.

Eligible for KanCare expansion based on income alone.

Currently eligible for KanCare as a pregnant woman.



Federal to Expansion “Signing Bonus”

- The American Rescue Plan Act offers additional funding for two years for new expansion states.
- Range of estimates: ~\$330-468 million over two years
- Unlocks funds for any state funding priorities.
- Potential for additional relief through federal legislation.



How Would Expansion Help Kansans?

Expanding eligibility for KanCare expansion would:

- Reduce health care costs for everyone.
- Protect Kansans from medical debt.
- Fix eligibility limits which are currently too low.
- Preserve and strengthen rural health care.
- Help to address the general workforce shortage in Kansas.
- Make Kansas more economically competitive.



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Jo Anne's Story

We were introduced to Jo Anne's story through her daughter, Chandra, who is from Wichita.

Jo Anne never really had access to insurance. She worked waiting tables — a job that didn't provide health insurance. She didn't qualify for KanCare. She tried to apply for coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace, but she didn't qualify for subsidies to offset the cost because her income was lower than 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

Jo Anne didn't receive routine health care because it cost too much. She developed diabetes as she got older. Because she was uninsured, it was a constant struggle to find providers for the care she needed. Often, she ended up in the Emergency Room for care.

During one of her ER visits a CT scan showed that Jo Anne had an aggressive form of lymphoma. Without insurance, it took borrowing money from a friend and a longer amount of time to get access to chemotherapy. Jo Anne died 8 days after her first treatment.

Access to affordable healthcare through KanCare expansion would make a tremendous difference for Jo Anne and other Kansans in the coverage gap.



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Healthcare as a Human Right:

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UMC Social Principles

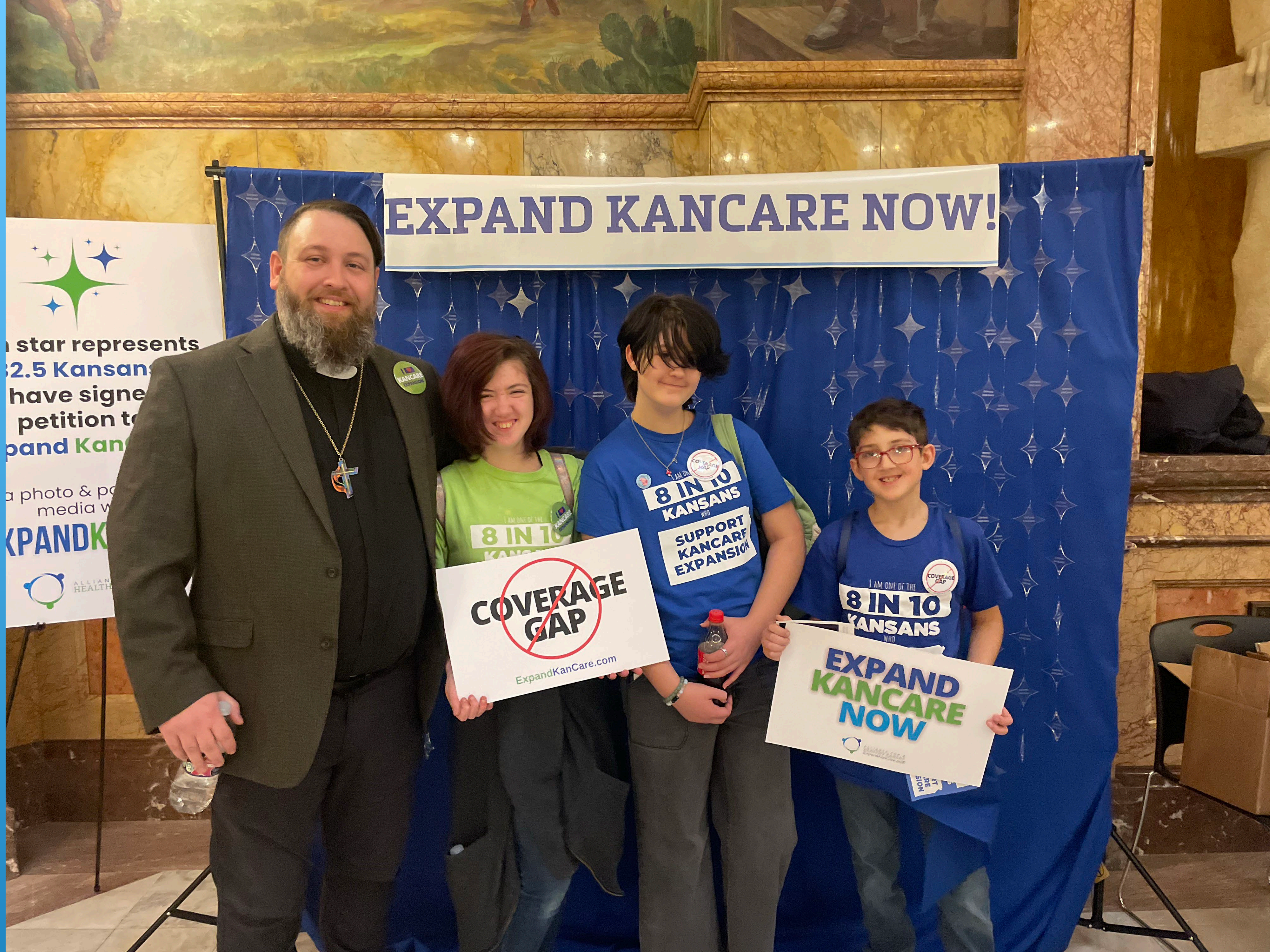
The Social Community: Right to Health Care 2016 Book of Discipline, ¶162.V

A. Health Care

We affirm health care as a basic human right and vow to work toward expanded access to all forms of medical treatment, including preventative, therapeutic, and palliative care. Half the world's population lack access to health care, and a growing number of people who do have access face increased medical expenses for themselves or their loved ones, pushing them toward poverty. To confront these painful realities, we urge United Methodists to join efforts aimed at creating systems that provide comprehensive health protections for all. Additionally, we believe that everyone has a right to decent living conditions, including adequate food and water, safe housing and a healthy environment.

Health care as a human right also means that clinics, hospitals, and medical services and treatments must be accessible, affordable and of good quality. They must also be available when and where they are needed and be provided on an equitable basis. We call on governments, businesses, churches, and civil society institutions to work cooperatively to ensure that every human being has access to medical services and treatment.

Additionally, we call on national governments and international health organizations and medical groups to work cooperatively and expeditiously to address global pandemics such as HIV/AIDS, as well as outbreaks of contagious diseases that threaten the health and well-being of entire countries and regions. As a church, we support other measures and initiatives to improve human health, including investments in preventative care, good nutrition, continuing research in infectious disease prevention and treatment, pre- and post- natal health, and substance abuse treatment on demand. We commend churches that are involved in community-based health care ministries.



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have signed
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8 IN 10 KANSANS
WHO
SUPPORT KANCARE EXPANSION

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WHO

Grace UMC

- Missions and Social Justice Team
- Administrative Council set priorities
- Letter campaigns on “days of action”
- Attending events together
 - political forums
- Rallies in Topeka
- Added name to AFHK list
- Letters to the Editor
- Partner events with AFHK







EXPERIMENT

Next Steps: Join the Movement

Recent surveys show that 78% of Kansas support expansion BUT more people need to join the advocacy movement for expansion.

- Join the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas network at www.expandkancare.com
 - Talk to policymakers about the need for expansion from your perspective and sign the Alliance petition supporting expansion.
 - Write a letter-to-the-editor or OpEd to place in your local newspaper.
 - Listen to and/or be a guest on the “Health in the 34th” podcast.
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Next Steps (Continued)

- Help us collect stories of lived experiences in the coverage gap – either third person or by suggesting impacted adults reach out to Storybank & Policy Specialist Marissa Alcantar, marissa@expandkancare.com
 - Attend legislator/constituent events and make KanCare expansion part of the public conversation.
 - Host a forum to talk about expansion in your community.
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A Companion Litany to Our Social Creed

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ,
calls us by grace
**to be renewed in the image of our Creator,
that we may be one
in divine love for the world.**

Today is the day
God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.
And so shall we.

Today is the day
God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference,
favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.
And so shall we.

Today is the day
God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.
And so shall we.

Today is the day
God deplores violence in our homes and streets,
rebukes the world's warring madness,
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.
And so shall we.

Today is the day
God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.
And so shall we.

***Today is the day
God brings good news to the poor,
proclaims release to the captives,
gives sight to the blind, and
sets the oppressed free.
And so shall we.***