



ALLIANCE FOR A
HEALTHY KANSAS

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Business, Faith, Health Care and Community Leaders to Launch Grassroots Campaign Urging Legislature to Expand KanCare

WHO: Alliance for a Healthy Kansas, its members and featured speakers:

- Reverend Carl Frazier, Southwest Baptist Church
- David Jordan, Executive Director, Alliance for a Healthy Kansas
- David Toland, Executive Director, Thrive Allen County
- Alice Weingartner, Executive Director, Shawnee County Health Center
- Eric Voth, MD, Vice President of Primary Care, Stormont Vail Health
- Brad Stratton, CEO and President of Overland Park Wealth Management
- Father Schremmer, Diocese of Dodge City

WHEN: May 9, 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Room 582-N, Kansas Statehouse

WHAT: Rally and press conference to launch campaign urging KanCare expansion

A rally and press conference is planned for May 9 at the Kansas Statehouse to kick off a statewide grassroots campaign in support of KanCare expansion. The campaign will help organize voters and leaders in communities across the state to help elected officials see that a large majority of their constituents support KanCare expansion.

“Yet another year has gone by without expanding KanCare—our state cannot afford to delay action any longer,” said David Jordan, executive director of the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas, which is spearheading the campaign. “Polls show that 76 percent of Kansans support a budget-neutral KanCare expansion plan. Our campaign will engage Kansans in the discussion about how KanCare expansion will benefit our communities, our hospitals, and our health.”

Since the landmark Supreme Court ruling in June 2012, states have had the option of expanding their federally funded Medicaid programs, which in Kansas is called KanCare. Expanding KanCare would extend health coverage to 150,000 low-income citizens, help struggling rural hospitals,



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create thousands of jobs, and return hundreds of millions of tax dollars to our state every year. So far Kansas has given up \$1.1 billion in federal funds when our state economy could sorely use it.

About the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas

The Alliance for a Healthy Kansas is a new, growing statewide coalition. Its members include grassroots citizens, community leaders, and organizations across Kansas — among them are business leaders, doctors and hospitals, social service and safety net organizations, faith communities, chambers of commerce, advocates for health care consumers, and many more. The Alliance is dedicated to engaging communities to become involved in promoting policies aimed at health equity, assuring everyone has the opportunity to attain their highest level of health. We believe that by unifying our voices we will become much harder to ignore. More information at ExpandKanCare.com.