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Medicaid:

What to Expect in 2025

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- Committed to convening meaningful conversations around tough topics related to health.



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Tuesday, Feb. 25**



Today's Speakers



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Agenda

- 12:00 p.m. **Welcome**
- 12:05 p.m. **Setting the Stage: *Medicaid in Kansas Overview***
- 12:15 p.m. **State Policy Updates and Discussion**
- 12:30 p.m. **Medicaid Expansion Updates and Discussion**
- 12:40 p.m. **Federal Policy Updates and Discussion**
- 12:55 p.m. **Closing Remarks: *Reflecting on Our Path Forward***
- 1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**



Overview: Medicaid in Kansas (KanCare)

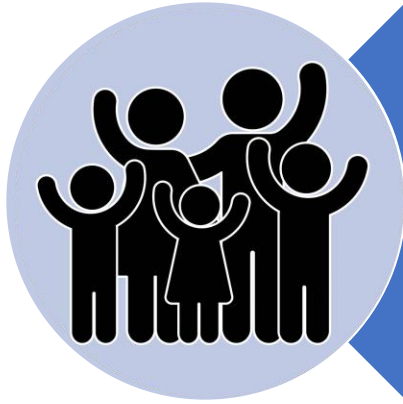


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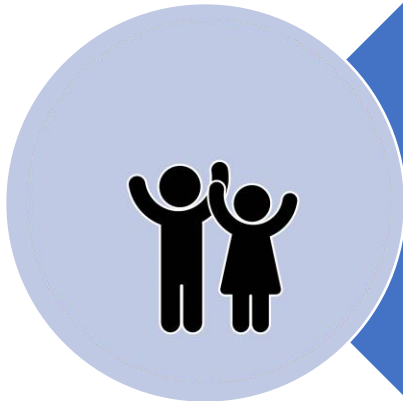
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Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in Kansas



Medicaid: Enacted in 1965, it provides coverage for health services and long-term care to eligible children of low-income families, parents, pregnant women, people with disabilities and older adults, as well as some individuals with specific health conditions.



CHIP: Adopted in Kansas in 1998 and implemented in 1999, it provides similar coverage to uninsured children of low-income families who are not eligible for Medicaid, but who can't afford private coverage.



Medicaid Populations

Covered Populations in Kansas

Low-income families,
including children

Pregnant women, parents or
caretakers, and infants and
children, including children in
foster care

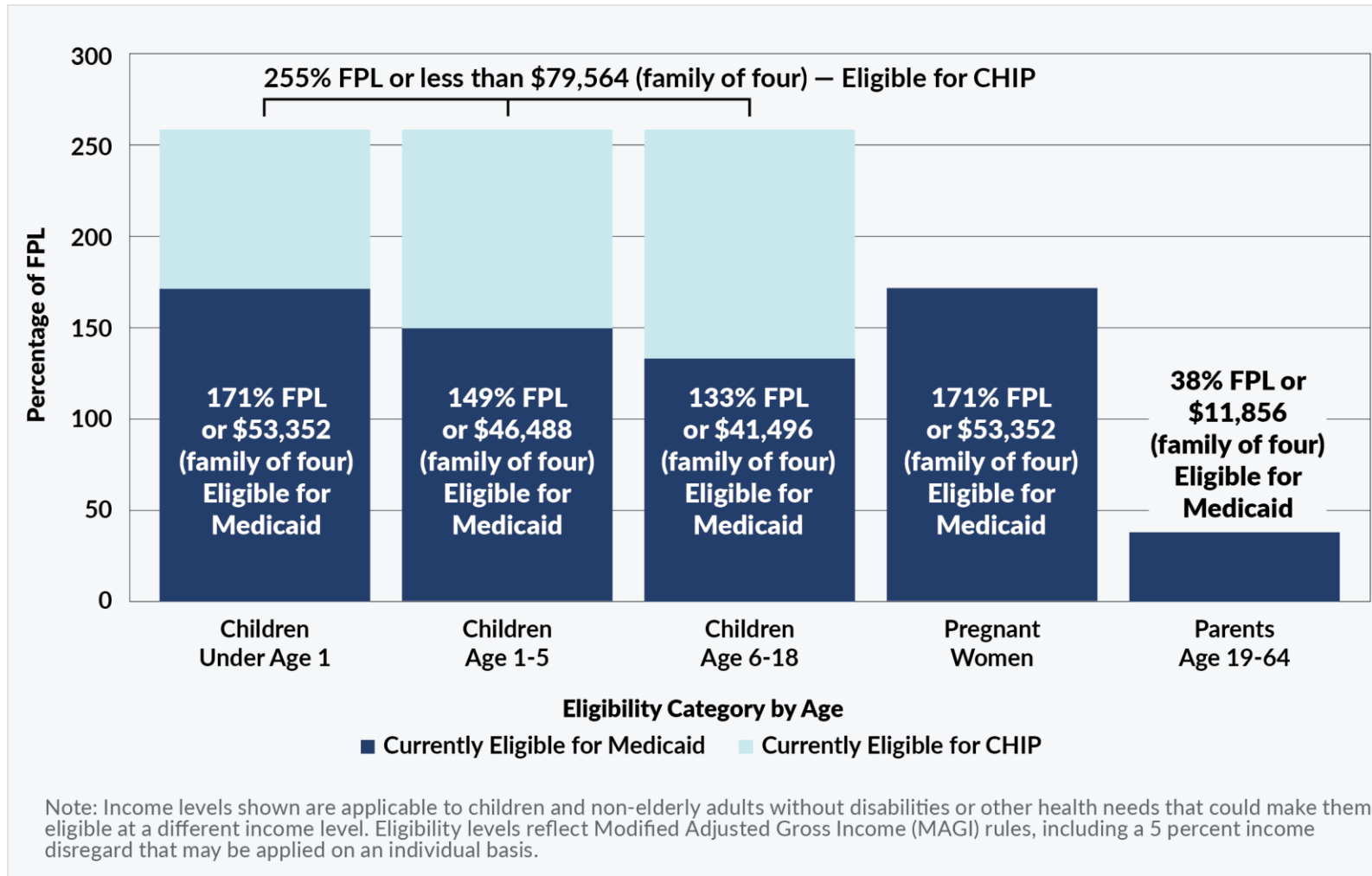
Low-income older
adults and people
with disabilities

Medically Needy, MediKan,
Working Healthy, Medicaid-
Medicare Dual Eligibility,
Program of All-Inclusive Care for
the Elderly (PACE), HCBS
Waivers

Other Medicaid
populations include
eligible individuals with
breast and cervical
cancer, tuberculosis or
acquired
immunodeficiency
syndrome (AIDS)



Estimates of Income Eligibility Levels for Children and Families in Kansas Medicaid and CHIP, 2025



Source: KHI analysis of current Kansas Medical Assistance Standards, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, 2025



Financing Medicaid and CHIP

Jointly funded by the federal government and Kansas.

- By law, every state receives at least a 50 percent match in federal dollars. Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP), or match rates vary by state.
 - Medicaid: **61.87 percent** in Kansas (for every \$1 that Kansas spends on Medicaid, the federal government contributes \$1.62)
 - CHIP: **73.31 percent** in Kansas
 - The federal match rate enhanced during the pandemic phased out in 2024.

Source: Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission. (2024). *Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) and Enhanced FMAP by State, FYs 2022–2025*. Retrieved from <https://www.macpac.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/EXHIBIT-6-FMAP-and-Enhanced-FMAP-by-State-FYs-2022%E2%80%932025.pdf>



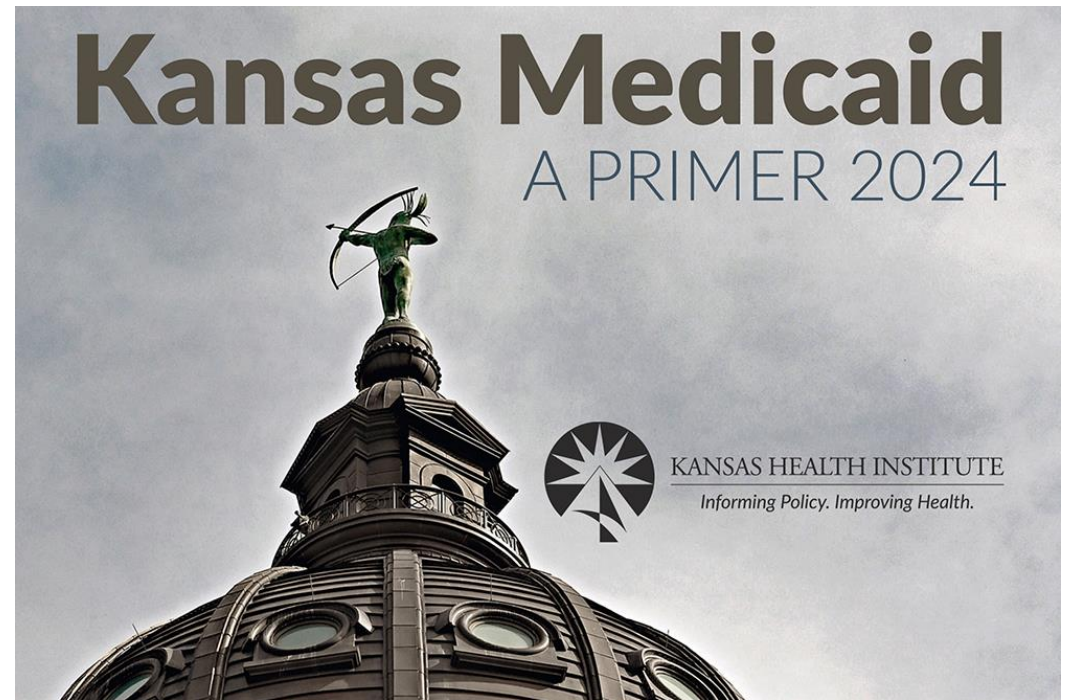
Avenues for Changing the KanCare Program

State Plan Amendment (SPA): The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approves a State Plan for the Medicaid and CHIP programs in each state.

- SPAs are used when a proposed change is in accordance with federal requirements.

A **waiver** is used when a state wants an exception from existing federal requirements.

- While SPAs are permanent changes, waivers are generally approved by CMS for three to five years and can be renewed or amended.



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Presentation and Audience Q/A: State Policy Updates



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State Level Policy Updates

2024 Kansas Medicaid Funding Increases:

In 2024, the legislature added:

- \$50 million to increase **Medicaid outpatient hospital** reimbursement rates by 31 percent
- \$30 million to increase **Medicaid physician provider** codes by nine percent and
- \$18 million to continue the add-on for Medicaid payments for **nursing facilities**.

Proposed 2025 Budget Updates



State Level Policy Updates

New Managed Care Organization (MCO) contracts awarded Jan. 1, 2025.

The new contracts aim to implement several key improvements:

- **Member Empowerment**
- **Enhanced Care Coordination**
- **Addressing Health-Related Social Needs**
- **Maternal Health Focus**
- **Provider Network Expansion**
- **Rural Access Expansion**



State Level Policy Updates



Senate Bill 161

If passed, would require legislative approval before state agencies can request or implement federal waivers that expand public assistance eligibility, increase state costs, or modify services for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.



Audience Poll and Discussion

Which State Medicaid policy changes do you believe would have the greatest impact on Kansans?

- Increased provider reimbursement rates
- Proposed legislation to require legislative approval before submitting waivers
- Changes and improvements for current MCO contracts
- Medicaid expansion
- Other (please specify in chat)



Audience Q/A



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Medicaid Expansion Preview and Discussion



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Governors 2025 Proposal to Expand Medicaid

Key “HAWK” Act Provisions

Expands Medicaid to individuals age making less than 138 percent of FPL

Includes a work requirement with some exceptions

- Full-time students.
- Parents or guardians of dependents.
- Individuals with disabilities or applying for **SSI/SSDI**.
- Veterans, homeless individuals, and volunteers working 20+ hours per week.



From Washington to Kansas

Items from U.S. House Budget Committee Blueprint

- Eliminate Enhanced FMAP (match rate) for Medicaid Expansion
- Eliminate the additional incentive for states to take up Medicaid Expansion

Kansas HAWK Act Federal Funding Contingency

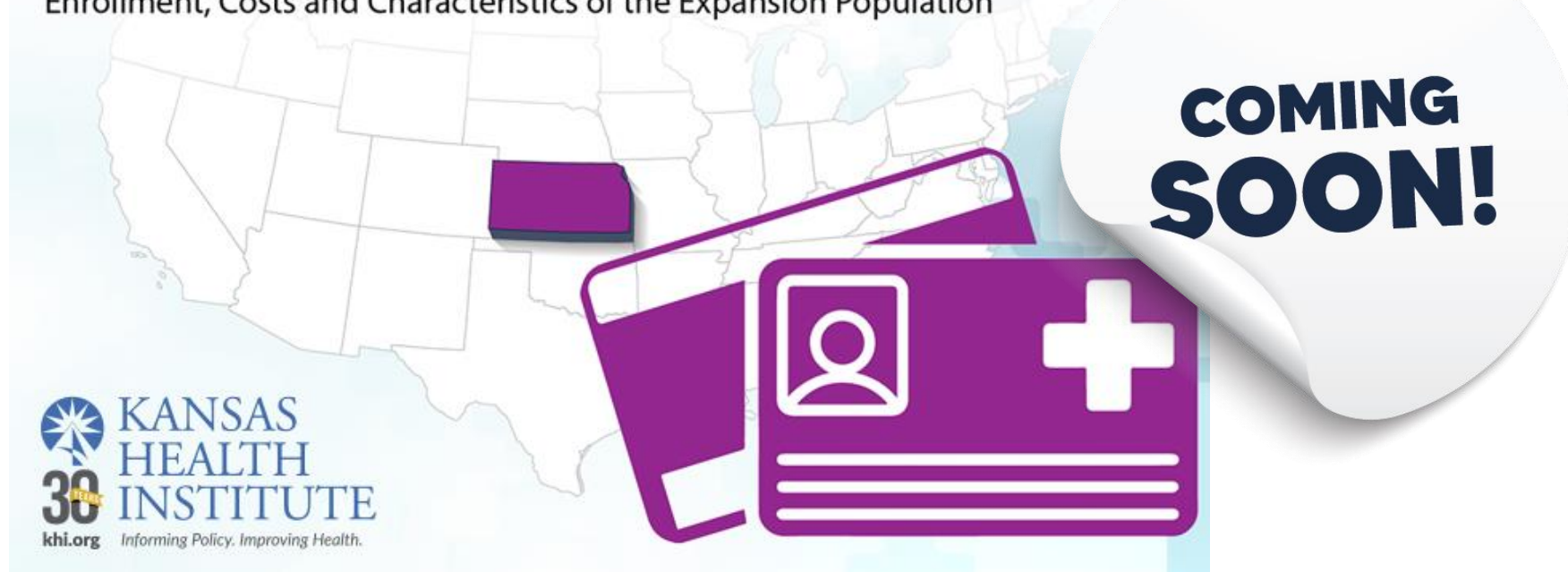
- If federal Medicaid funding drops below **90%, coverage will be terminated over 12 months.**
- No new enrollees will be accepted if federal support falls below this level.



2025 Medicaid Expansion Estimates

2025 MEDICAID EXPANSION ESTIMATES

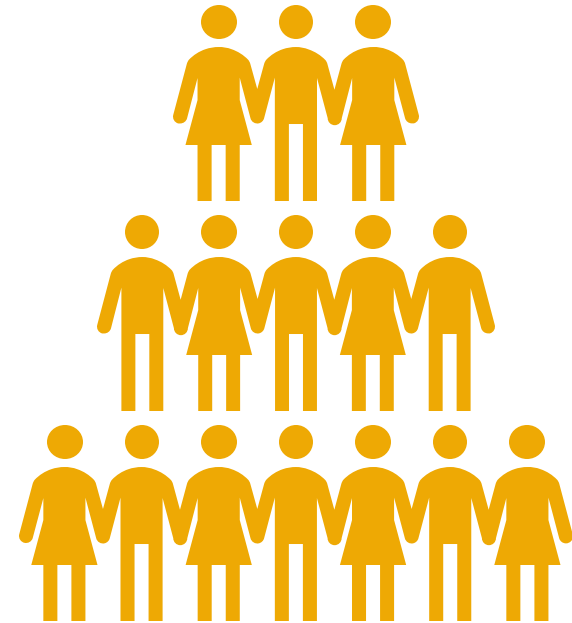
Enrollment, Costs and Characteristics of the Expansion Population



2025 Estimates

2025 Estimates will include:

- Total number of Kansans, including adults ages 19-64 and children ages 0-18 estimated to newly enroll in KanCare if Medicaid were to be expanded.
- Cost Estimates
- Impacts of federal policy changes being discussed



Discussion and Audience Q/A: Federal Policy Updates



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From Washington to Kansas

Other Potential Changes:

Funding Structure

- Convert Medicaid Funding to a Per Capita Cap/Block Grant to States
- Limit Use of Medicaid Provider Taxes to fund State Share of Medicaid Costs
- Reduction in Match Rates (FMAP) for Administrative Costs

Eligibility Requirements

- Institute Medicaid Work Requirements

Changes related to Medicaid Expansion

- Eliminate Enhanced FMAP (match rate) for Medicaid Expansion
- Eliminate the additional incentive for states to take up Medicaid Expansion

Source: KHI Analysis of information from the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy Center for Children and Families, 2025



Audience Poll and Discussion

Which Federal Medicaid policy changes do you believe would have the greatest impact on Kansans?

- Changes to eligibility requirements
- Reduction to FMAP (federal match rates)
- Limiting the use of provider taxes
- Changes to Medicaid expansion incentives and funding
- Other (please specify in the chat)



Audience Q/A



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March 11

**Exploring Medicaid Benefits:
*How KanCare Addresses
Health-Related Social Needs***

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Proposed policy changes at the federal level could significantly impact KanCare, Kansas' Medicaid program, in 2025 and beyond. On Thursday, Feb. 20, KHI held an event where participants explored current coverage criteria and eligibility, including income thresholds and access for key groups like older adults, individuals with disabilities, and low-income families. This guide includes key resources from the event, discussion questions for further reflection, and ways to stay connected as we continue to explore Medicaid policy changes.

Resources

Stay up to date with the latest discussions and developments surrounding Medicaid policy in the current legislative session.

[REVIEW SESSION UPDATES >](#)

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2024 Medicaid Expansion Estimates: Enrollment, Costs and Characteristics of the Expansion Population
Stay tuned for the 2025 estimates!

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Discussion Questions

- How might the proposed federal policy changes impact the accessibility and affordability of KanCare for key groups such as older adults, individuals with disabilities, and low-income families?
- What strategies could be implemented at the state level to maximize opportunities and mitigate potential challenges?

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