



The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Kansas: The Cost of Inaction

Kansas Families Suffer

Kansas insurance premiums skyrocket

- ✓ In 1997, family health insurance purchased through an employer cost \$5,007. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]
- ✓ In 2006, the same family health insurance cost \$11,048. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]
- ✓ By 2016, the same insurance is projected to cost \$24,377, a 121 percent increase over 2006, which will consume 47.6 percent of projected Kansas median family income. [New America Foundation, [11/2008](#); New America Foundation, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]

More uninsured Kansans

- ✓ Every day, 70 Kansans lose their health insurance. [Center for American Progress, [3/23/2009](#)]
- ✓ During the last two years, 748,000 Kansans under age 65 went without health insurance for some time, which is 31.4 percent of the under 65 population. [Families USA, [4/2009](#)]
- ✓ In 2007, 340,373 Kansans under age 65 were uninsured for the entire year, which is 14.2 percent of the under 65 population. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [8/5/2009](#)]

Kansans pay higher premiums due to the uninsured

- ✓ Kansas families pay a “hidden tax” of \$900 on their health insurance premiums due to the unpaid costs of care for the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, [3/23/2009](#)]

Fewer choices due to consolidated market

- ✓ The two largest health insurance companies in Kansas have a combined market share of 56 percent. [Health Care for America Now, [7/15/2009](#)]

Kansas Businesses Suffer

Fewer Kansans have health coverage at work

- ✓ In 2002, 70.3 percent of Kansans under age 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]
- ✓ In 2007, 63 percent of Kansans had coverage through their employer. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [6/15/2009](#)]

Fewer Kansas small businesses offer health coverage

- ✓ In 2000, 47.8 percent of small businesses were able to offer health insurance coverage to their employees. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed [6/16/2009](#)]
- ✓ In 2006, 39.6 percent of small businesses offered health benefits. [Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, accessed [6/16/2009](#)]

Kansas Economy Suffers

Health care spending climbs

- ✓ In 2004, Kansas spent \$14.7 billion on health care. [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), [9/2007](#); CMS [2/2007](#)]
- ✓ This spending level represents \$5,382 per capita, and is 14.4 percent of the Gross State Product. [CMS, [9/2007](#); CMS [2/2007](#)]

Lost economic output of the uninsured due to shorter lives and poorer health

- ✓ This year, the Kansas economy will lose \$840 million - \$1.7 billion due to the shorter lives and poorer health of the uninsured. [Center for American Progress, [5/29/2009](#)]