

Medicaid in Kansas

Who Medicaid Covers in Kansas



The Medicaid program in Kansas is called KanCare and provides healthcare for about 497,000 Kansans¹ who are:

- Children in families experiencing low incomes
- Foster children
- People with disabilities
- Older adults with limited incomes and assets
- Some adults experiencing low incomes²

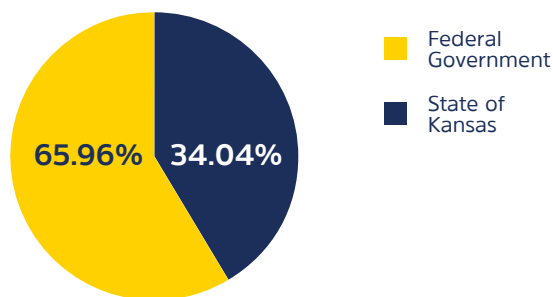
A State and Federal Program



Although the federal government provides general regulations for states to follow, states create a Medicaid program that best serves their citizens. The state of Kansas determines who is eligible for the program and some specific services that are included in this coverage. This eligibility criteria must follow federal and state Medicaid laws and requirements.

Who Pays for Medicaid

The federal government pays for at least 50% of the Medicaid program. In 2023, the federal government will pay 65.96% of all Medicaid costs, while Kansas will pay the remaining 34.04% of Medicaid costs.³ How much the federal government contributes is a three-year average of per capita personal income in the state, and the federal match can go up or down depending on the Kansas economy.



Partnering with Private Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

The state of Kansas contracts with three private MCOs to administer the Medicaid program. Private MCOs provide Medicaid benefits within state and federal requirements, and enable states to:

- Deliver higher quality care
- Improve health outcomes for Kansans enrolled in Medicaid
- Manage Medicaid costs¹

Private MCOs also help coordinate care and services for Kansans enrolled in Medicaid by:

- Contracting with providers to ensure Kansans can receive the care they need
- Providing training and support for providers

Holding Private MCOs to High Standards

Private MCOs are held to high standards at both the federal and state level. Each private MCO has a member advisory board to receive feedback from the Kansans they serve. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the state legislature, and the public provide oversight to private MCOs through contract language, quality measurement strategies, and legislative hearings and reviews.^{4,5,6}

¹ [KanCare_2022](#) ² [HHS.gov](#) ³ [Kaiser Family Foundation_2023](#) ⁴ [KanCare](#) ⁵ [Kansas Legislature](#) ⁶ [Medicaid.gov](#)