Presentation on Medicaid Expansion

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Current KanCare Beneficiaries

- Children
- Pregnant Women
- Individuals with disabilities (physical, intellectual, developmental)
- Technology assisted children
- Kids with autism
- Frail elderly
- Individuals with traumatic brain injury
- Individuals with severe emotional disturbance
- Individuals with breast and cervical cancer
- Individuals with tuberculosis
- Individuals with HIV and AIDS
- Parents and caretakers under 38% FPL
Newly Eligible Population

- Able-bodied, low income adults between 0 and 138% FPL
Our First Priority: Caring for Individuals with Disabilities

- Caring for individuals with disabilities is the highest priority

- Since the inception of KanCare, over 5500 individuals from the waiting lists have been offered service

- Currently waiting for services are:
  - Approximately 3,500 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
  - Approximately 800 individuals with physical disabilities
Our First Priority, continued: Waiting List Elimination

• Eliminating the waiting lists cost $1.40 billion from 2018 to 2025, including $629 million in state funds

• Kansas’ share is $70 million in 2018, increasing to $89 million by 2025

• This population does not qualify for enhanced match, will be matched at approximately 55/45
Our Second Priority: Long Term Fiscal Sustainability

- The Kansas Health Institute (KHI), estimates state costs would be $729.7 million over seven years. $1.1 billion in state costs over ten years. Source: Kansas Health Institute - ACA Medicaid Expansion: Enrollment and Cost Estimates for Kansas Policymakers

- Over $211 million increase from KHI’s projections in the 2012 report.

- Aon Hewitt study estimates that Medicaid expansion in Kansas would cost the state more than $1.2 billion dollars in State General Fund (SGF) dollars from CY2016-CY2025. Source: Aon Hewitt Analysis updated in 2015
Our Third Priority: Reflecting Kansas Values

• Provide individuals in Kansas a pathway to independence including:
  • Job training and work requirements
  • Portable health savings accounts or similar instruments

• Work program incentives help break the cycle of intergenerational poverty
Allocation of State Resources

Where the State General Fund Money Goes
Approximately $6 Billion

Education: 61%
Medicaid/Social Services: 27%
Public Safety: 6%
General Gov't: 5%
Other: 1%
Expansion Issues

- Uncertain future of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Uncertainty of Federal Financial Participation for Medicaid expansion in the future
- Uncertainty of costs of Medicaid expansion
- Uncertainty of Medicaid expansion enrollment
- Effect of Medicaid expansion on rural Kansas hospitals
- Economic impact of Medicaid expansion
- Prioritization of state resources
Uncertainty of the ACA

American Health Care Act:

• Introduced March 8, 2017
• Passed out of House Energy and Commerce Committee on March 9, 2017
• Passed out of House Ways and Means Committee on March 9, 2017
• Passed out of House Budget Committee on March 16, 2017
• Now House Rules Committee
• Then to full House
Uncertainty of Federal Funding

Projection of ACA:
• Federal government will pay at least 90 percent of the costs of Medicaid expansion

Reality:
• The enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) passed under the ACA will be rolled back with passage of the American Health Care Act.
• Regular FMAP could cost state $391.6 (more) in 2025 to cover the expansion population without providing for elimination of the waiting lists for individuals with disabilities
Medicaid Expansion Costs

Projection of KHA:
• Claim is that Medicaid expansion will only cost Kansas $57.5 million in 2017 rising to $114.5 million in 2020 and be budget neutral. This does not provide individuals with disabilities the home and community-based services they are awaiting.

Reality:
• Medicaid expansion is not budget neutral
• KHI estimates Medicaid expansion would cost $1.1 billion in SGF over 10 years
• Aon Hewitt estimates that Medicaid expansion would cost $1.2 billion in SGF from CY 2016 – CY 2025
• Eliminating the waiting list for individuals with disabilities would require $1.4 billion in SGF from 2018-2025. This bill does not provide dollars to eliminate the waiting lists.
Medicaid Expansion Enrollment

Projection:
• Original Medicaid expansion enrollment projections ended up being approximately half the actual expansion numbers

Reality:
• Under ACA expansion, enrollment has been more than double the original projections
• 24 of the current Medicaid expansion states made predictions on enrollment numbers. Every state enrolled more adults than projected, by an average of 110 percent.
• More than doubling enrollment requires significant fiscal adjustments to other aspects of a State’s Medicaid programs, or to other components of state budgets.
Impact on Rural Hospitals

Projection/ACA Promise:
- Medicaid expansion will save struggling rural Kansas hospitals

Reality:
- The vast majority of increased funding in Medicaid expansion goes to big-city hospitals.
- Many rural hospitals are struggling financially because of onerous federal regulations.
- As federal Medicare reimbursements decrease, rural health care providers experience growing financial gaps.
- Medicaid pays less than other payers. For the ten most frequent billing codes, KanCare pays on average:
  - 71.3% of Medicare maximum allowed
  - 44.0% of the State Employee Health Plan
  - 40.9% of private pay insurance
Economic Impact/Job Creation

Projection/ACA Promise:
• Medicaid expansion will create thousands of healthcare jobs in Kansas

Reality:
• Kansas has a problem with shortage of healthcare workers, not availability of healthcare jobs
• 92 counties are designated as shortage areas for primary care
• 100 counties are designated as shortage areas for mental health
• Kansas already needs an additional 3,827 nurses
• Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) projects a deficit of 5900 nurses in Kansas by 2020
• Economic multiplier is near zero
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Conclusion

- KHI and Aon Hewitt estimate over $1 billion in expenditures over 10 years to expand Medicaid. Plus $1.4 billion through 2025 to clear the waiting lists
- Future decrease in the level of federal financial participation to regular FMAP for newly eligibles is part of American Health Care Act
- Actual Medicaid expansion enrollment has exceeded projections by 110 percent
- Kansas is in a much better position than states that have expanded Medicaid to weather the repeal of the ACA and to provide more flexibility and options to Kansans going forward