Low-Income Adults Potentially Eligible for Medicaid in Kansas

Results from the 2017 Kansas and Missouri Consumer Health Access Survey (KMHS)

24% of Kansans ages 19 to 64 report family income under 138% of the Federal Poverty Level.*

44% lacked health insurance coverage at the time of interview.

37% live in households with unpaid medical bills.

Uninsured low-income adults would benefit from expanded Medicaid eligibility through greater access to providers and services and lower out-of-pocket costs.

Many did not get needed care in the past year.

Percent with unmet health need

- Dental care: 40%
- Mental health care: 34%
- Chronic care: 32%
- Medication: 31%

* Among respondents with mental health diagnoses or addiction.
** Among respondents with chronic conditions.
*** Among respondents prescribed medications.

44% lacked health insurance coverage at the time of interview.

32% had private insurance

24% had public insurance

23.6% lacked health insurance coverage at the time of interview.

Some privately insured families might choose to drop their policy and enroll in Medicaid as a less expensive option. Switching to Medicaid could also reduce out-of-pocket costs.

63% reported a diagnosed chronic condition like diabetes or heart disease.

41% reported a mental health diagnosis, substance abuse or addiction.

3 in 10 work full-time

3 in 10 work part-time but most wanted more hours

2 in 10 have a disability

1 in 10 is looking for work

The KMHS Survey Results Report is available at

https://reachhealth.org/kmhs-finalreport/

* Based on 2016 tax year. In 2016, the 138% federal poverty threshold income was $33,534 for a family of four. Source: https://aspe.hhs.gov/computations-2016-poverty-guidelines

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