Medical Debt Among Residents in Kansas

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

24% of adults and 29% of children in Kansas live in households with medical debt.

These estimates represent:
- 390,200 adults ages 19-64
- 208,700 children ages 0-18

Of the poorest Kansans (those below 138% of poverty)*, 37% of adults live in households with medical debt...

... along with 42% of children.

Federal Poverty Level (FPL)*

- Below 138% FPL: 37.0%
- 138-400% FPL: 29.1%
- Over 400% FPL: 9.5%

Even privately insured live with medical debt.

- Uninsured: 34.2%
- Only public insurance: 24.2%
- Any private insurance: 20.2%

17% of adults reported financial consequences to their family from medical debt, such as:

- borrowed money from friends,
- took out loans, or
- had creditors call to demand payment.

The KMHS 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.