



Kansas Hospital
ASSOCIATION

To: Members of the Kansas Congressional Delegation

From: Chad Austin, President and CEO
Jaron Caffrey, Director of Workforce and Health Care Policy

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Re: Importance of Enhanced Premium Tax Credits

On behalf of our 124 community hospital members, we are writing to you today to respectfully encourage Congress to take action to extend the enhanced premium tax credits set to expire at the end of this year. Without Congressional action, tens of thousands of Kansans may lose access to affordable health insurance coverage, undermining both the health of our communities and the stability of our health care ecosystem.

Today, approximately 160,000 Kansans rely on the enhanced premium tax credits to afford health insurance through the individual marketplace. These credits provide those Kansans with access to care, stronger financial security, and peace of mind. If these credits lapse, Kansas families may face unaffordable premium hikes or risk losing coverage entirely.

According to the KFF, the expiration of these tax credits is projected to increase premiums of those currently receiving the credits by 77 percent on average. A Kansas family of four would experience premium hikes of over \$2,500 annually, and a 60-year-old couple's premiums would rise by over \$18,000. These increases are projected by KFF to result in between 41,000 and 68,000 Kansans losing their insurance coverage, leading to greater financial strain on families and growth in uncompensated care and bad debt borne by hospitals across the state.

In 2024, 67 percent of Kansas hospitals had a negative operating margin. Further increases in uncompensated care and increases in patients delaying care until they are more acute would exacerbate these existing challenges, jeopardizing access to essential services in communities.

Kansas hospitals are united in calling for a congressional solution that ensures continuation of the enhanced premium tax credits beyond Dec. 31, 2025. These credits are a critical tool in maintaining access to affordable health coverage and supporting the financial viability of our state's health care providers.

We thank you for your leadership and commitment to the health of Kansans and look forward to working together to ensure Kansans continue to have access to quality care in their communities. If you have any questions, please reach out to me or Jaron Caffrey, KHA's Director of Workforce and Health Care Policy.