



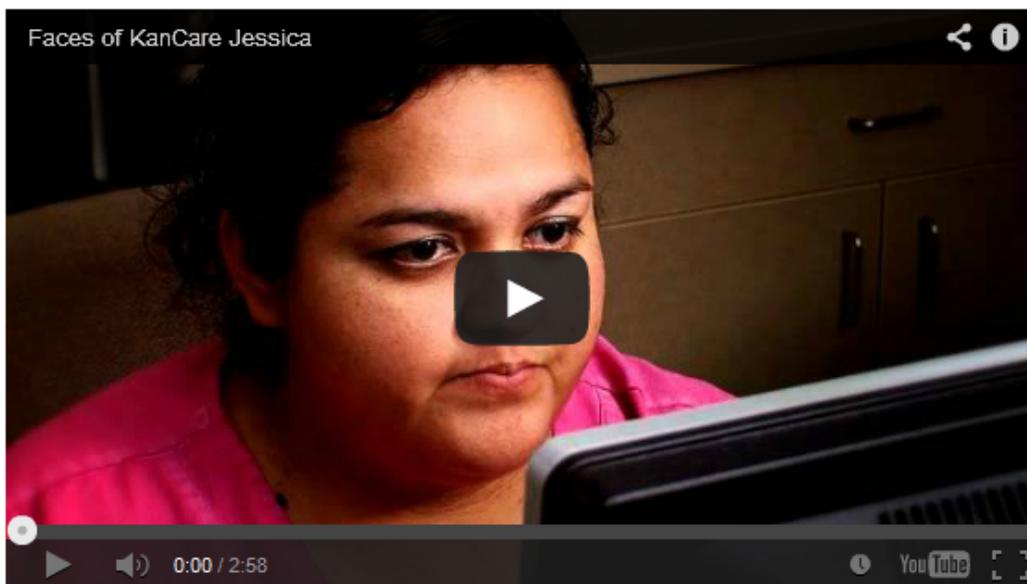
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Kansans' Stories Highlight the Need for KanCare Expansion

Working Mother Puts Her Own Health Needs Aside

(Topeka, KS – March 21, 2014) – Until recently, Jessica Franco couldn't afford health insurance. Unable to pay premiums or out-of-pocket costs – and not eligible for Medicaid – Jessica had no choice except to go without health care. It meant nearly losing her vision. [A video highlighting Jessica's story](#), as well as other Kansans, can be found online at www.ExpandKanCare.org.



Expansion in Kansas would build upon our KanCare program, which focuses on primary care coordination, improving health outcomes, managing health care costs and instituting patient accountability. Kansas hospitals support KanCare expansion because regular patient care improves lives.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the health improvement of their communities. KHA membership includes 218 member facilities, of which 128 are full-service community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA maintains its vision of “an organization of hospitals working together to improve access, quality and the affordability of health care for all Kansans.”

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