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KanCare Providers Urge Governor and Legislature to Restore Medicaid Cuts

Healthcare provider coalition issues joint letter to Kansas leaders requesting restoration of cuts and describing impact cuts have on the State's economy.

Topeka, Kan. (Nov. 1, 2016) – Twelve state associations representing KanCare providers call on Governor Brownback and the Kansas Legislature to restore recent Medicaid cuts and oppose making up the shortfall through further provider taxes in a rare joint letter. The letter outlines the impact on the State's economy as a result of the cuts.

The following associations have collaborated to develop the call to action:

- Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas
- Interhab
- <u>Kansas Academy of Family Physicians</u>
- <u>Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU)</u>
- <u>Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine</u>
- Kansas Dental Association
- <u>Kansas Health Care Association</u>
- Kansas Hospital Association
- <u>Kansas Medical Society</u>
- <u>Kansas Optometric Association</u>
- <u>Kansas Pharmacists Association</u>
- LeadingAge Kansas

The <u>attached letter</u> outlines the call to action and detailed impact.

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