

Kansas Health Policy Authority State of Health Reform in Kansas

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How We Get Health Care

- Private Insurance: 65%, mainly through employer
- Medicare Elderly, disabled: 13%
- Medicaid Very low income: 10%
- Uninsured: 12.5 percent, and growing
 - Out of pocket (financial distress, bankruptcy)
 - Safety-net clinics (charity; public subsidies)
 - Uncompensated care (passed on as higher costs.)

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Current Challenges Facing Kansas

· Public Health Indicators

- Infant Mortality Rate: 7.1 per 1,000 (2002)

- Avg. Life Expectancy: 77.5 years

- Adult Smoking Rate: 17.8% (U.S. = 21%)

Rising Uninsured Population

- Census Est. 2007: 347,000 people (12.5%)

· Rising Rate of Underinsured

- Many policies inadequate.

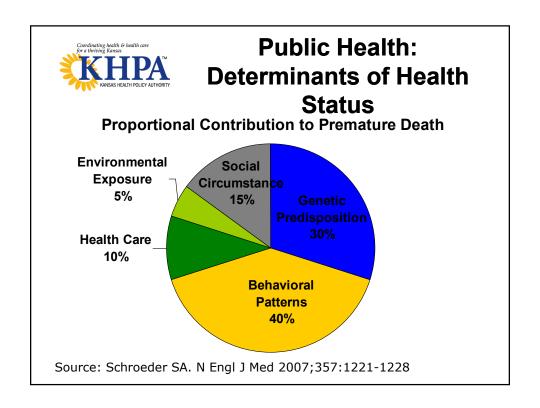


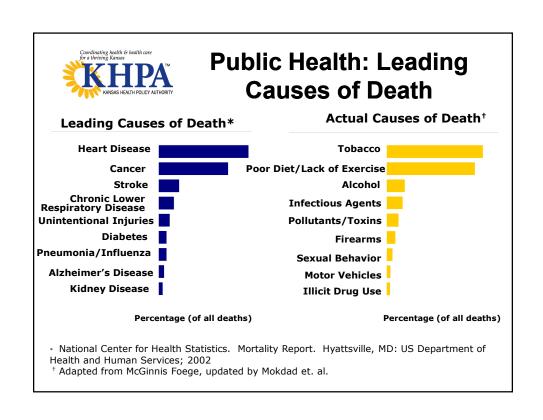
Insurance Costs Outpacing Wages

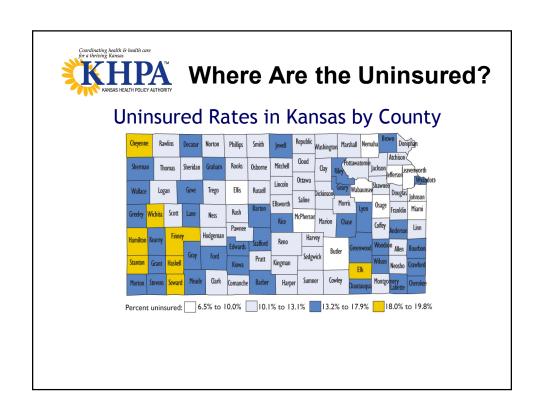
Premiums Rising 5 Times Faster than Kansas Wages

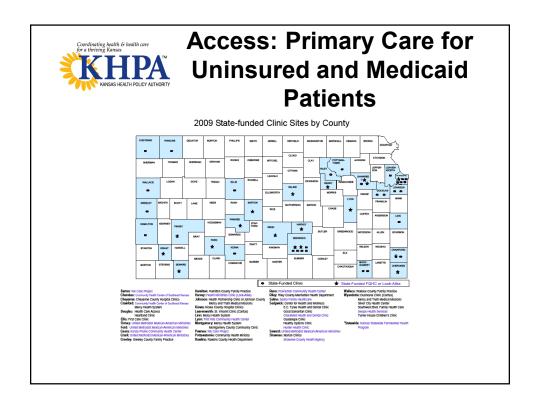
	2000	2007	%Chg
Family Coverage	\$ 6,237	\$11,722	+87.9%
Individ. Coverage:	2,640	4,067	+54.0%
Kan. Med. Income:	22,351	26,307	+17.7%

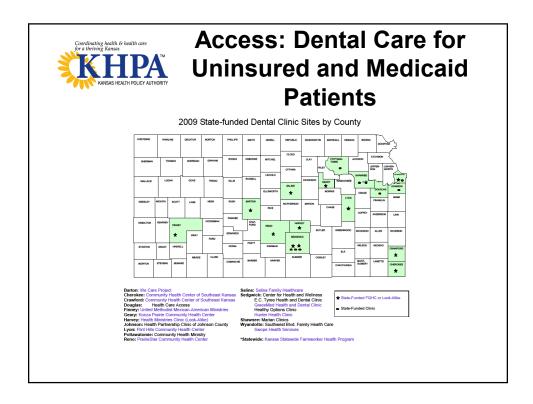
Source: Families USA, "Premiums vs. Paychecks: A Growing Burden for Kansas's Workers." 2008











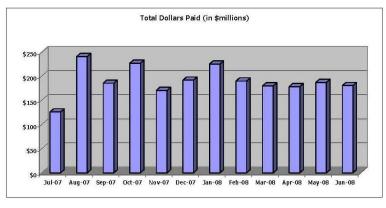


Medicaid as Insurer

- Medicaid is the 3rd largest provider of health benefits coverage in Kansas after Blue Cross/ Blue Shield and Medicare
- Single largest insurer of children
- Medicaid pays for 40% of births in Kansas



Medicaid claims paid average about \$180 million per month



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KHPA Agenda, 2008

Transforming Medical Care	Improving Public Health	Expanding Affordable Insurance
Transparency project: Health care cost and quality (Kansas Health Online) Health literacy Medical home definition Medicaid provider reimbursement Community Health Record (HIE) Insurance Form Standardization	Increase tobacco user fee Statewide smoking ban Partner with community organizations Education Commissioner Collect fitness data in schools Promote healthy foods in schools Promote fitness in schools Wellness for small businesses Healthier food for state employees Dental care for pregnant women Tobacco cessation in Medicaid (for pregnant women only) Expand cancer screening	Aggressive outreach & enrollment of eligible children (target pop: 20,000) Premium Assistance for low income adults without children (target population: 39,000) Small Business Initiatives (target population: 15,000 young adults and 12,000 employees of small businesses)



HPA 2009: Simpler Reform Plan

- Push for Original Package with few changes:
 - Statewide Indoor Smoking Ban in Public Places
 - Increase Tobacco Products Assessment
 - Expand Medicaid Coverage for Parents/Caretakers
 - Tobacco Cessation for all Medicaid Recipients
 - Implement Statewide Community Health Record
 - Assist Small Businesses Purchase Affordable Health Insurance
 - Cancer Screening (and/or other KDHE initiatives)



PA Continuing Policy Initiatives

- Medicaid Transformation
- · Medical Home Model of Care
- Coordinated School Health
- Smoking Cessation Programs
- State Employee Health Plan

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