
Fact sheet on the KHPA Board Approved Health Reform Options

After many months of reviewing health reform options and meeting with over 1,000 Kansans, the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) Board voted today to recommend to Governor Kathleen Sebelius and the Kansas Legislature 21 health reform options to achieve health reform in Kansas. The goals targeted in this health reform initiative are to promote personal responsibility, pay for prevention and promote medical homes, and provide and protect affordable health insurance.

Health Reform Goals

What are the desired outcomes associated with three KHPA health reform goals?

- Promoting personal responsibility would result in Kansans having improved health behaviors, engaging in informed use of health care services, and sharing financial responsibility for the purchase of health care services
- Promoting medical homes and paying for prevention would result in Kansans accessing more preventive care, experiencing less chronic disease, and having access to a “medical home” where they have accessible, continuous, and coordinated care.
- Providing and protecting affordable health insurance would result in more Kansans having health insurance and subsequently increasing their ability to receive appropriate, adequate, and timely health care services.

How will the three KHPA health reform goals be achieved?

The three health reform goals will be achieved through the implementation of the specific policies targeted for each goal. Policies related to each goal include:

Promoting Personal Responsibility

- Transparency for consumers: Health care cost & quality transparency project
- Promote health literacy

Promoting Medical Homes and Paying for Prevention

- Define medical home
- Increase Medicaid provider reimbursement
- Implement statewide Community Health Record
- Promote insurance card standardization

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- Increase tobacco user fee
- Statewide ban on smoking in public places
- Partner with community organizations
- Include Commissioner of Education on KHPA Board
- Collect information on health/fitness of Kansas school children
- Promote healthy food choices in schools
- Increase Physical Education (PE)
- Wellness grant program for small businesses
- Healthier food options for state employees
- Provide dental care for pregnant women
- Improve tobacco cessation within Medicaid
- Expand cancer screenings

Provide and Protect Affordable Health Insurance

- Cover more kids through aggressive marketing and outreach to enroll already eligible children
- Expand premium assistance to include childless adults up to 100% FPL
- Assist small businesses by establishing a health insurance clearinghouse which would facilitate attainment of health insurance and the development of Section 125 plans, and would include a reinsurance mechanism to stabilize premium costs

Impact of reform options

What is the anticipated impact of the proposed reform options?

- Reduced number of uninsured Kansans by 86,000 yielding one of the lowest uninsured rates in the United States
- Increased access to useable health information by all Kansans
- Increased opportunities to engage in healthy behaviors by all Kansans
- Access to dental health services for low-income pregnant Kansans
- Increased access to preventive services by Kansans
- Increased access to person centered medical homes
- Improved detection of early stage disease
- Reduced level of chronic disease
- Improved health status and quality of life
- Increased health care cost containment

What is the projected cost of the proposed reform options?

- Promoting personal responsibility policy options cost an estimated \$450,000 State General Funds (SGF)
- Promoting medical homes and paying for prevention policy options cost an estimated \$14.9 million SGF
- Provide and protect affordable health insurance policy options cost an estimated \$71 million SGF

How will the proposed reform options be financed?

- Based on Calculations from the Kansas Department of Revenue, the tobacco user fee will generate over \$61.5 million annually and is enough to fund the entire package for the first five years.
- Additional potential revenue sources have been identified.