



Salina Family Healthcare Center
A Federally Qualified Community Health Center
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House Social Services Budget Committee
Kansas State Capitol
SW 8th & SW Van Buren
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: Kansas Department of Health and Environment - Health Budget

Chair Representative Will Carpenter and Distinguished Committee Members:

The member clinics of Community Care Network of Kansas (CCNK) do more for less. We make every dollar count, stretching our resources to serve the most vulnerable in our communities to the maximum extent possible. The approximately \$45 million in uncompensated care we provide attests to this dedication to our mission.

Salina Family Healthcare Center is a member of CCNK and provides over \$1 million of charitable write-off care for our community. We serve over 1900 uninsured patients. Unfortunately, our community has an additional 5000+ poor and uninsured, presumably getting no primary care at all or seeking the bulk of their care in the most expensive locations – our emergency rooms. We are doing everything we can to help correct this gap in care.

I want to thank the state of Kansas for the over \$10.5 million in support of Community-Based Primary Care Clinics (CBPCC) to help cover uncompensated care. These dollars make basic services like preventive cancer and heart disease screenings, behavioral health, pharmacy benefits, and many others possible for those who have no insurance and no resources to pay for them.

I respectfully ask that you strongly consider increasing the CBPCC budget by an additional \$5 million. This relatively small sum will help the CCNK member clinics extend current services and add new services for the working poor in our state.

Sincerely,

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The Salina Family Healthcare mission: serve our community at the crossroads of compassionate healthcare and professional education.