

**SENATE BILL No. 457**

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to medical assistance;  
2 establishing the affordable healthcare for Kansans program; expanding  
3 income limits for eligibility to 138% of the federal poverty level.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the  
7 affordable healthcare for Kansans program and the affordable healthcare  
8 for Kansas program is hereby established. The department of health and  
9 environment shall administer and promote the program and provide  
10 information to potential eligible individuals in Kansas. The legislature  
11 expressly consents to expand eligibility for receipt of benefits under the  
12 Kansas program of medical assistance as required by K.S.A. 39-709(e)(2),  
13 and amendments thereto, by the passage and enactment of the affordable  
14 healthcare for Kansans program.

15 (b) For the purposes of eligibility determinations under the Kansas  
16 program of medical assistance, on and after January 1, 2027, medical  
17 assistance shall be granted to any adult under 65 years of age who is not  
18 pregnant and whose modified adjusted gross income does not exceed  
19 138% of the federal poverty level, to the extent permitted under the  
20 provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 1396a, as in effect on July 1, 2026.

21 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
22 publication in the statute book.