

**SENATE BILL No. 225**

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; establishing the KanCare  
2 bridge to a healthy Kansas program; relating to medical assistance;  
3 expanding income limits for eligibility to 138% of the federal poverty  
4 level.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

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

17 (b) For the purposes of eligibility determinations under the Kansas  
18 program of medical assistance on and after January 1, 2024, medical  
19 assistance shall be granted to any adult under 65 years of age who is not  
20 pregnant and whose modified adjusted gross income does not exceed  
21 138% of the federal poverty level, to the extent permitted under the  
22 provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 1396a, as in effect on July 1, 2023.

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