



To: Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee/Chair Sen. Gene Suellentrop  
From: Denise Cyzman, CEO, Community Care Network of Kansas

RE: Testimony to support SB 252

January 23, 2020

My name is Patrick Sallee and I am the CEO of Vibrant Health, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Wyandotte County. I am writing today to express our support for KanCare expansion and urge you to pass SB252 out of committee as written.

Last year, Vibrant Health served more than 10,000 patients in Wyandotte County. Roughly 45% of those patients were uninsured. While our clinics and those like us, serve patients without insurance, people struggle to access the prescription medications they need or any specialty care that may arise.

We also know that many residents of our community do not access health care services because of their lack of insurance. Research has shown that people getting coverage have:

1. improved physical, psychological and financial health
2. lower out-of-pocket medical expenditures
3. lower rates of depression
4. use more preventive services

In addition to the direct individual and family impact, KanCare expansion would have significant impact on our operation at Vibrant Health and other organizations like ours. Specifically to Vibrant Health; we would likely see a \$250,000 - \$500,000 increase in annual patient revenue, which would allow us to expand services, create jobs that we often hire from within the community and invest in programs that would provide additional support to families.

Expanding KanCare is a critical step in improving the lives of Kansans and supporting Wyandotte County in our efforts to improve the health outcomes of families in our community. Thank you for considering this testimony!

Yours truly,

Patrick Sallee  
Chief Executive Officer