

# VOTE FOR 427

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## What is Medicaid?

Medicaid is a public health insurance program that covers millions of Americans, including about 235,000 Nebraskans. To be eligible for Medicaid right now, a person must have a very low income and also fit into another category like being a child, a parent of young children, a pregnant woman, or someone who has a disability.

## What is Medicaid Expansion?

Despite making very little money, thousands of hard-working Nebraskans still aren't eligible for Medicaid. These uninsured people don't make enough money to qualify for financial help that would let them buy private insurance, leaving them stuck in a "coverage gap."

States have the option to expand Medicaid to make sure the people who are stuck in this coverage gap can get the health insurance they need. Thirty-three states and Washington D.C., already have expanded Medicaid. Voting **For Initiative 427** on November 6 would finally allow these hard-working Nebraskans to get coverage.

## Who would be covered by Medicaid expansion?

Voting **For Initiative 427** on November 6 would cover more than 90,000 hard-working Nebraskans. Most of them work at jobs that come without health care coverage and pay less than \$17,000 a year. These Nebraskans live across the state in both rural and urban areas and work in restaurants and shops, in home health care, on construction sites, on farms and ranches, and more.

They are young people just starting careers, single parents and grandparents, people who are near retirement, or who are fighting health problems that prevent them from working as much as they want to.

## What benefits would Medicaid expansion bring to Nebraska?

Rural Nebraska: From rural hospitals at risk of closing, to farm jobs lacking health care coverage, too many Nebraskans in our state are struggling to get the health care they need. **Initiative 427** would bring millions of dollars in federal funds to Nebraska that will allow rural hospitals and clinics to stay open and provide health coverage to thousands of our friends and neighbors who need life-saving medical care.

People with Disabilities and Near-Retirees: No one should be forced to decide whether they can afford life-saving care – like cancer treatment or heart medication – for themselves or their family. But too many hard-working moms struggling to put food on the table, near-retirees who have been laid off, and people with health problems that prevent them from working as much as they want to are forced to make those decisions every day. Passing **Initiative 427** on November 6 would make sure they can get the health care they need.

Nebraska's Economy: **Initiative 427** will make Nebraska's economy healthier, too. Nearly \$600 million in new federal funding per year is already set aside for Nebraska that we aren't getting. It's money that 33 other states already get, but we've lost out on for years. This initiative will bring those funds home, providing health coverage to more than **90,000** struggling Nebraskans, creating **11,000 jobs**, helping rural hospitals and community clinics stay open, and generating **\$1.1 billion** in new economic activity in our state each year.

## A Healthy Future. Vote For Initiative 427 on November 6

Nebraska voters deserve the right to choose a healthier future for their families, friends, and neighbors. We shouldn't have to wait while politicians in Washington, D.C., and Lincoln play politics with our health care. Voting **For Initiative 427** lets the people of Nebraska protect what's most important to them in their health care. Nebraskans deserve the chance to decide this issue and vote for a healthier future for our state on **November 6**.