Initiative 427: Bringing Medicaid Expansion to Nebraska

What is Initiative 427?

Initiative 427 is a ballot initiative to expand Medicaid coverage to people under 65 with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level, starting in 2020. It is intended to close the ‘coverage gap’ for people who cannot afford health insurance on their own, but currently do not qualify for Medicaid.

Who would benefit?

Hard-working Nebraskans

If Initiative 427 passes, up to 90,000 Nebraskans would gain coverage.

As of 2016, 161,000 people in Nebraska were uninsured.

If Initiative 427 passes, many of the estimated 21,000 or more people with mental illness or substance use disorder in Nebraska who have incomes below 138% of the federal poverty level and are uninsured would gain access to critical community-based services and supports.

Critical Access Hospitals and Rural Communities

It is projected that Medicaid expansion would bring nearly $600 million in new federal funds to Nebraska per year. It would generate an estimated $1.3 billion in economic activity and would create almost 11,000 new jobs.

Medicaid expansion has also been shown to be particularly beneficial in rural communities, which make up almost 35% of Nebraska’s population.

Not only does it help more residents in rural areas gain health coverage, but Medicaid expansion also provides much-needed funds to the 64 critical access hospitals in Nebraska, which provide the only source of hospital care in the rural areas where they operate.

On November 6, support your fellow Nebraskans and vote YES on Initiative 427!