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Cover the Uninsured Week' Highlights the Gaps in Care Sedgwick County Health Department Offers Free Health Screenings

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – There are more than 317,000 Kansans without health insurance, and there are more than 75,000 uninsured children in Kansas. Uninsured Americans live sicker and die younger than those who have health insurance.

The Sedgwick County Health Department is observing "*Cover the Uninsured Week*," May 10-16, by providing free diabetes screenings and blood lead screenings at the Main Health department, 1900 E. Ninth, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14.

The number of uninsured is growing and most of us know family, friends, neighbors or co-workers without access to affordable health insurance. Many Kansans are one job loss, job change, early retirement, or family emergency away from losing health insurance.

"The Sedgwick County Health Department is here for the citizens," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Tom Winters. "The Health Department provides services on a sliding scale to our citizens all year round."

For information on Health Department services, please call 660-7300 or our website at www.sedgwickcounty.org. For more information about other Cover the Uninsured Week activities, visit www.CoverTheUninsuredWeek.org.

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