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Community Health Center
of Southeast Kansas
(CHC-SEK) is a finalist in
a photo contest for the
2014 National Health

Medicaid Dental Benefits Added in Virginia



This week, the [Virginia Oral Health Coalition announced](#) that Governor McCaulliffe is implementing a new comprehensive Medicaid dental benefit for pregnant women. The new benefit will cover approximately 45,000 women and will be enacted through an emergency regulation change. Pregnant women who have

periodontal disease are more likely to deliver prematurely or have a low birth weight baby. Pregnancy also makes women more susceptible to plaque build-up, enamel erosion, and cavities. The new benefit will keep more pregnant mothers and newborn babies in Virginia healthy.

The Kansas Legislature approved a Medicaid dental benefit for pregnant women in 2008, but the services were never implemented because Medicaid budget cuts were made during the Great Recession at the time. Learn more about oral health and pregnancy in one of Oral Health Kansas' [Tips and Tricks](#).

CVS Stops Tobacco Sales

Center Week Calendar Contest. Bob Burk (Class 6) CHC-SEK Community Relations Director is promoting their photo so they can be featured on the cover of the 2014 National Health Center Week Calendar.



To vote for their photo, number P33, visit [this site](#) to place your vote. Voting ends this Friday, Sept. 12 at 7 pm!



OHK Awards

Don't forget to submit your nominations for the annual Excellence in Oral Health Awards by Monday, September 29th. Submit your nominations [here](#). Visit our [awards page](#) for more information.



Earlier this year, CVS made the decision to discontinue selling tobacco products by October. This withdrawal was expedited, and as of September 3rd tobacco products are no longer sold in CVS stores. The company is also changing their name from CVS/Caremark Corporation to CVS Health to reflect their "broader health care commitment." "Putting an end to the sale of cigarettes and tobacco will make a significant difference in reducing the chronic illnesses associated with tobacco use," said Troyen Brennan, Chief Medical Officer of CVS Health. Among the chronic illnesses associated with tobacco is gum disease.



The Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition continues to work toward their mission of eliminating tobacco use among Kansans through their tobacco web conversation series. They are hosting a webinar on September 24th from 12 - 1 p.m. focused on making the workplace tobacco free. Email [Theresa Johnston](#) for more information.

KAMU Awarded Navigator Grant

The [US Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#) awarded a second navigator grant this week to the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU). Last year, HHS awarded KAMU their first navigator grant. Through their grant, KAMU assists consumers access health insurance through the state's Marketplace. According to an article from the [KHI News Service](#), KAMU plans to use about 160 navigators for the 2015 Marketplace enrollment. This will include many navigators who helped with the 2014 enrollment, as well as many new navigators. Open enrollment for 2015 will run from November 15, 2014

Webinar Spotlight

Healthy People 2020 is hosting a webinar focused on environmental quality and its role in our health.

Join in on Thursday, September 18 at 12:00 p.m. ET to learn how one organization is improving air quality in their community.



Register for the webinar [here](#).

Sponsorships are Available

The 2014 Oral Health Kansas Conference will be November 6-8 at Wichita State University.



[Sponsorship](#) and [Exhibit space](#) are available. Learn more about the opportunities to participate on the Oral Health Kansas [website](#) or by sending an [email](#).

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through February 15, 2015. Last year, KAMU-trained navigators assisted over 15,000 Kansans sign up for health insurance. One of the ten essential health benefits offered through the Marketplace is a pediatric dental benefit.



Fall for Smiles Campaign

[Oral Health America](#) has begun their annual Fall for Smiles Campaign to educate communities about the importance of healthy food choices, regular dental visits, brushing and flossing your teeth, and avoiding tobacco. There are resources for dental professions, family and the community, as well as the media. Learn how you can get involved [here](#)!



Traveling Sugary Drink Display



Reserve our traveling Sugary Drink Display for your business or event! Reservations are made for one month at a time. Return postage is covered by Oral Health Kansas. [E-mail Sarah here](#) if you would like to make reservation.

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday

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