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To improve oral health
in Kansas through
advocacy,
public awareness
and education.*

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Dental Champions Corner:

Congratulations to Douglas County Dental Clinic on being featured in a [Lawrence Journal-World article](#) about the challenges of the dental

Health Insurance Marketplace Opens

On Tuesday, October 1, the Health Insurance Marketplaces opened across the country, despite the federal government shutdown. Kansas, like 25 other states, is using a federal Marketplace. There were glitches in the on-line health insurance enrollment system, due in part to the large volume of people across the state trying to log-on and learn about their insurance options. The Kansas Health Institute (KHI) published a story on October 1 about the Insurance Marketplace roll-out. In that article, they quoted Linda Sheppard, a top official at the Kansas Insurance Department, "Basically, when we've been out talking to the crowds in various locations, we've been encouraging them to wait maybe two or three weeks to let some of the potential bugs or glitches smooth out." Sheppard is suggesting people wait until early December to begin choosing a plan.

Read more about the opening of the Health Insurance Marketplace in the [KHI article](#).

This week KHI also published [an issue brief](#) about the plan and cost options available to Kansans through the Marketplace. Key points in that issue brief include:

- While technical challenges may initially limit the online functionality, the Kansas marketplace features four insurance companies offering 72 plans at four coverage levels, or "tiers," in addition to

Oral Health Kansas thanks the following organizations for sponsoring the 2013 Conference November 7-8 in Johnson County:

Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation

Comfort Dental

Bureau of Oral Health

DentaQuest

Contact [Oral Health Kansas](#) to learn how to join in November the celebration of Oral Health Kansas' 10th anniversary with continuing education and networking opportunities!

Did You Know...

You can learn more about the Kansas Health Insurance Marketplace at www.insureks.org.



National experts on water fluoridation advocacy efforts will be on hand to share their insights.

A full list of conference sessions is available on the [Oral Health Kansas website](#). The link to register on-line also is available on the website. A group discount of 10% is available for two or more people attending from the same organization. **Early bird rates are available until October 4.**

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Celebrating a Decade of Advancing Oral Health in Kansas

The conference will feature a reception with tours of the Johnson County Community College dental hygiene clinic and will include nine dental continuing education credits.

Hotel rooms are available at the Hawthorne Suites by Wyndham Overland Park, 11400 College Boulevard. Please call 913-344-8100 to reserve your room now. Ask for the special "Oral Health Kansas" rate of \$89 per night. The special rate is available until October 7.

Call 785-235-6039 or email info@oralhealthkansas.org with any questions.

ACA Educational Tour Continues

Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger's state tour to educate Kansans about the Affordable Care Act and how to use the law's new online marketplace to purchase health coverage and qualify for federal subsidies will continue through October 22.

October 2: Independence
October 3: Emporia
October 16: Garden City
October 17: Liberal

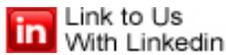
The site features information about how to use the new online marketplace and a "premium estimator" to help consumers calculate the cost of premiums.

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October 22: Kansas City

A full list of the dates and times for the consumer education meetings is available below and on the insurance department website at www.insureks.org.

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update please contact us at info@oralhealthkansas.org.



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