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Congratulations to Jon Stewart, [Dental Champions Class V](#), on being named to the [2018 Sunflower Foundation Advocacy Fellowship Class!](#) Jon is the CEO of Heartland Community Health Center in Lawrence and is a powerful advocate for health and oral health in our state.

KanCare Adult Dental Services Emphasized

Coverage for adult dental services was a topic of conversation at this week's meeting of the legislature's KanCare Oversight Committee. The committee heard testimony from more than two dozen advocates, including Oral Health Kansas, about KanCare, the state's Medicaid managed care program. In our testimony, we reviewed the comments we submitted to state officials last week jointly with the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved and Kansas Dental Association. Our three organizations submitted comments about the state's plan for extending the current managed program known as KanCare 2.0. In the comments, we emphasized three things:

1. KanCare 2.0 should include the current value-added preventive dental benefit for adults.
2. A basic set of dental services needs to be covered for all adults, including diagnostic and periodontic services,



Webinar Resources

Two national webinars this week will provide insight that can be useful right here in Kansas. Please share for anyone interested!

Oral Health Community Taking Action **Thursday, November 30,** **1:00 PM**

This webinar sponsored by Community Catalyst will offer ideas and inspiration to help people and organizations learn ways to advocate at every level of government. Oral Health Kansas' Executive Director is one of the speakers about advocacy strategies.

Register [here](#).

Dental Care for the Special Needs Patient **Friday, December 1,** **10:00 AM**

This webinar sponsored by Oral Health America will assist dental professionals understand more about how to provide dental care for patients with special needs.

Register [here](#).

Sugary Drink Display

Our sugary drink display is a perfect example to share with your family why it's important to watch what you drink! The sugary drink display has 10

medications, teledental services, and restorative services.

3. The reimbursement rates paid for KanCare dental services need to be addressed.

Read more in our [legislative testimony](#) and our [joint comments](#) about KanCare 2.0.

OHK Shows Support For T21

Last Tuesday, Tanya Dorf Brunner represented Oral Health Kansas at the Topeka City Council meeting where she testified in support of Tobacco21, an ordinance that would raise the age of sale and purchase of tobacco products from 18 to 21 throughout Topeka city limits. [Shawnee County](#) recently approved the same ordinance in August impacting the unincorporated areas of the county. Topeka's KSNT news service [interviewed](#) Tanya for the evening news.



The City Council will be considering Tobacco21 at the December 5th meeting. If you live in Topeka, here's how you can

popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. We also include some of our [Tips and Tricks](#) fact sheets and brush your teeth mirror clings! The display is free to use for up to a month, and we reimburse postage!



Send your reservation request ahead of time to ensure you will have one on hold! [Email us!](#)



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help:

1. Reach out to [your Council Member](#) and express your support for Tobacco21 via phone or email TODAY.
2. Attend the Council Meeting on December 5th at 6 PM at Municipal Court - City Council Chambers, 214 SE 8th Ave., Topeka, KS 66603
3. Sign up to give testimony in support at the December 5th meeting. To speak, sign up by emailing the City Clerk at cclerk@topeka.org until 5 PM on the day of the December 5th meeting or you can sign up at the meeting between 5:15 and 6 pm. Public comments have a 4 minute time limit.

Contact Christi Nance with any questions at cnance@oralhealthkansas.org.

Call-In Day Tomorrow

The [Alliance for a Health Kansas](#) is hosting a statewide day of action to get as many people as possible contact Senator Jerry Moran's office to urge him to vote NO on the proposed tax bill because it includes provisions that would gut the Affordable Care Act.

If the tax bill passes, 13 million Americans could lose coverage, and premiums could increase for millions of others.

[Call Senator Moran!](#)



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