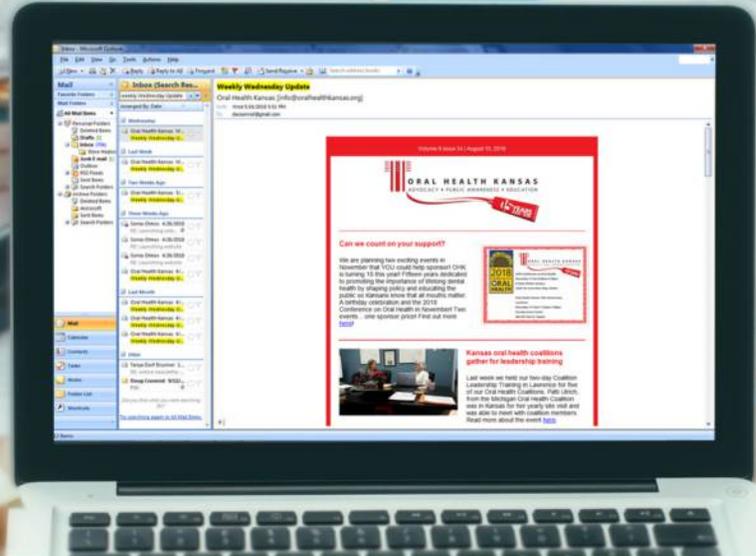




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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

The Weekly Wednesday Update is our newsletter which we email every Wednesday with oral health, health and policy updates from around the state and nationally.

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Did You Know?

Did you know Oral Health Kansas has a [Resources](#) section on our website? You can find consumer resources and also dental professional resources. We also have one page Tips and Tricks that you can download from the website. There's so much more!

Go to our website: <http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/index.html> and go to the Resources tab to search for more.



Enrollment Ends On December 15

The last day to enroll on the marketplace is this Sunday, December 15. If you enrolled in the Marketplace health insurance for 2019, you can renew, change, or update your plan. Learn more on [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov).

If you aren't feeling confident about which health insurance to pick, you are not the only one. It's important to do your research before you choose a plan. Have someone help if you don't understand what you are reading or signing up for. Here is a list of guidelines to help you in the process: <https://khn.org/news/open-enrollment-picking-health-insurance-is-hard-smart-guide/>.

Not sure how to choose dental coverage on the Marketplace? Oral Health Kansas has a list of questions to ask as you're walking through your coverage selection. You can find the information on our website at: www.oralhealthkansas.org/ChoosingDentalCoverage.html.



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Kansan To Kansan Listening Tour

Governor Laura Kelly is continuing to make her rounds in Kansas. Her next budget listening tour is Tuesday, December 17. Below is more information about the event and you may click [here](#) for full event details.

Governor's Kansan to Kansan Budget Listening Session
Tuesday, December 17th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Wichita State University Metroplex
5015 E 29th St., Wichita, KS 67220

What oral health budget priorities can you advocate for?

- Funding for increased reimbursement rates for Medicaid dental providers
- Funding for Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bureau of Oral Health
- Funding for comprehensive dental benefits for adults on Medicaid



Is Shawnee, Kansas Next To Pass Tobacco 21 Ordinance?

Last week, the Shawnee City Council directed city staff to draft a Tobacco 21 ordinance that would raise the age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21. Shawnee is one of the last cities in northeast Johnson County not to have passed a Tobacco 21 ordinance. Proponents and opponents alike noted that as a result, Shawnee has become a safe haven for tobacco and vape users between the age of 18 and 21 and the businesses that cater to this age group. Read more about this story [here](#).



This year's 2019 Outstanding Dentist award was given to Dr. Owen Poulson, DDS. When the only dentist who accepts Medicaid in Clay County

needed to retire, Dr. Owen Poulson stepped up to fill the need. The Head Start program reached out to Dr. Owen Poulson about the challenge they were having in helping children get dental care, and he was interested in learning more. In fact,

he was so interested in helping the community that he decided to become a Medicaid provider in order to serve the children enrolled in Head Start. He wanted to begin by getting acquainted with the families, so he came to a family fun night for the Head Start parents. During that fun family event, he talked with the parents about their families' needs, and he and his wife enjoyed a meal with the families in order to continue getting to know them. Dr. Poulson is the only Medicaid dental provider in a two-county area, and he remains dedicated to the families enrolled in Head Start.



Thank you Dr. Owen Poulson for your dedication to filling a void and meeting the dental needs of low-income families!



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Reserve Now For The End Of The Year

Don't wait until the new year to book your sugary drink display. Get your reservation in before another month gets booked! Or [purchase](#) a Sugary Drink Display to have as your own!

What is a Sugary Drink Display? It's our drink display that has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. You can reserve a child drink display or an adult drink display for a month.

We will do our best to fulfill requests of less than 30 days but there is no guarantee.

There is no charge to use the Sugary Drink Display; postage is reimbursed if you send in your receipt. All we ask is for you to fill out our survey included in the display materials and provide us with feedback about the display. **Click [here](#) to make a reservation!**

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