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

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### Dental Champions Corner

## Proposed 20% Rule Bill has Hearing in the Senate



The Senate Public Health and Welfare committee met today to hear testimony on HB 2611, which would amend the statute requiring owner dentists to spend 50 percent of their time in satellite practices to 20 percent. The Kansas Dental Association and three private practice dentists testified. Oral Health Kansas submitted written testimony in favor of the bill. OHK supports this change because it will encourage dentists to open offices in rural areas. The patient population in small communities may not be large enough to support 50 percent of a dentist's time, but could likely support 20 percent. Furthermore, these satellite offices are great training grounds for young dentists, looking for a professional mentor and to build a patient base without the capital outlay their own practice requires. No word on if the committee plans to work the bill yet.



Congratulations to Debbie Allen (Class 5) for serving as one of the leaders organizing the 2014 Kansas Mission of Mercy in Dodge City!



## Thanks for taking our Reader's Suvey!

We appreciate those of you who took the time to take our Reader's Survey posted in our previous newsletters. Thank you! We will incorporate the results into our future Weekly Wednesday Updates.

## Medicaid Expansion Advocacy Day at the Capitol



Join advocates on March 18 to take a stand for Kansas to Expand Medicaid! The Kansas Medicaid Access Coalition will start at the Topeka Statehouse Rotunda at 9 a.m. The day will begin with speaker presentations and meeting with your legislators throughout the day to share with them why its important for Medicaid expansion. Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger will be a featured speaker.

Learn more and join the event on [Facebook](#).

## Traveling Sugary Drink Display

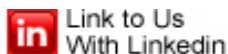
Reserve our traveling Sugary Drink Display for your business or event! Displays are available from May onward and reservations are made for one month at a time. Postage is covered by Oral Health Kansas.



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