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March 31 Deadline to Enroll in Health Insurance Plans

The deadline to enroll in a health insurance plan through the federally-facilitated marketplace is March 31! After the deadline, consumers are not allowed to enroll in a plan until the next open enrollment period without a qualifying life event, such as a birth or job change. To enroll, visit: insureks.org.

Legislative Action

At last update, SB 362, also known as the Navigator bill, had a hearing before the House Health and Human Services Committee. Though proponents touted the bill as consumer protections, the new regulations it would have



placed on the volunteers who help consumers navigate the process of signing up for health insurance through the marketplace would have been crippling. The committee voted unanimously to table the bill. Further action is not expected; the bill will die automatically at the end of session.

HB 2611 secured final passage in the Senate, 40-0. With this final step in the legislative action complete, dentist-owners are now required to spend 20 percent of their time in satellite practices--down from 50 percent of their time. The Kansas Dental Association and private



Kathy Trilli, RDH (Class 4) was a part of a select group of Wichita State University staff selected to speak with a delegation from China. She described a project that teaches dental hygiene and nursing students how bacteria in the mouth can lead to aspiration pneumonia. The project was funded by another Dental Champion (Class 5), Angie Holloday, from Patterson Dental.



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dentists who testified at the bill's hearing expect that the rule change will facilitate more practices opening in rural areas, helping to fill the provider shortage in these communities.

Job Openings in Oral Health

The Kansas Department of Health & Environment is accepting applications for the position of Public Service Executive II through March 31, 2014. Minimum requirements include two years of experience in planning, organizing and directing the work of a department, program or agency. Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) or Registered Dental Hygienist may be substituted for the required experience.

For more information about this job and how to apply, [visit this job's posting's page here](#).

Wichita State University is recruiting the next director of their Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency program. The director must be a dentist who has completed a GPR or AEGD program and is Kansas license-eligible. The director must have faculty experience in dental education and/or AEGD residency education. Apply online at jobs.wichita.edu for an approximate starting date of August 1, 2014. A complete copy of the position description is accessible [here \(under In the News\)](#). For more information please contact Dr. Keith Pickus, Interim Dean and Professor, College of Health Professions, at Keith.Pickus@wichita.edu.

WSU Dental Day Registration

Wichita State University will host a Dental Day on Friday, June 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Building. Registration is free and is limited to 30 students. Those interested should contact Clinic Director Natalie Olmsted [by e-mail by clicking here](#) or by phone at


would like to make a reservation.

316-978-8349. The registration deadline is June 1, with cancellations required by June 13. For more information, [visit Wichita State's Dental Day page here.](#)



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