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Medicaid Expansion Coalition Delivers Petitions

Today the Kansas Medicaid Access Coalition delivered to Governor Brownback's office over 2,700 petitions signed by Kansans who encouraged him to expand Medicaid to cover at least 100,000 adults living in poverty. Kansas Health Consumer Coalition executive director Anna Lambertson said, "The Legislature is getting ready to go on break. Before they go, we want the governor as well as legislators to hear from people all across the state who want them to seriously consider the option of expanding Medicaid." Read more about the plan to deliver the petitions in this story from the [Kansas Health Institute](#). Thirty-five organizations have joined the Kansas Medicaid Access Coalition. A list of those organizations can be found [here](#).

Also this week, legislative budget negotiators agreed to a budget provision that would not allow Medicaid expansion without legislative approval. Senate President Susan Wagle supported the provision and asked lawmakers to keep their options open when considering Medicaid expansion. The House had been considering a resolution that would prohibit the state from expanding Medicaid.

KanCare Troubleshooting Calls

The Department of Health and Environment announced this

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Dental Champions Corner

Dental Champion and OHK Board member Dr. Brian Smith completed the [Prairie Spirit Trail](#) Ultra 50 Mile run last Saturday. His accomplishment is even more impressive given the blizzard conditions during the race. Congratulations, Brian. You inspire us!

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us in November to celebrate Oral Health Kansas' 10th

week that they will begin holding three KanCare stakeholder troubleshooting calls per week. The calls offer opportunities for Medicaid providers and stakeholders to raise issues related to the state's transition to Medicaid managed care. For the last several weeks, only one call per week has been scheduled. The new schedule will begin on April 2, and calls will be scheduled from 9 to 10 am Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The conference call number is 877-247-8650, and the conference code is 79687456. Read more about the call schedule on the [KanCare website](#).

Tooth Brushing Contest Winners

From September to December of last year, Oral Health Kansas held a "Tooth Brushing is Fun Contest" where classrooms could submit pictures of their students brushing their teeth, a short story (real or made up) about the importance of tooth brushing, going to the dentist, taking good care of their teeth, dealing with a tooth problem or anything else that shows how to make tooth brushing FUN!

This week's featured winning classrooms, are the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classrooms from Sublette Elementary School. These classes submitted videos of songs, poems and short plays to show just how much fun toothbrushing is.

Congratulations to Ms. Ball's 4th grade class, Ms. Ginn's 4th grade class, Mr. Yount's 5th grade class and Mrs. Meyer's 6th grade class.



Ribbon Cutting and Grand Re-Opening

More than 30 people were on hand to witness the ribbon cutting and grand re-opening of United Methodist Mexican

anniversary at the:

2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference

Johnson County
Community College
November 7-8, 2013

Did You Know???

Children begin to
develop their primary
teeth 6 weeks after
conception while in
their mothers womb.

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Traveling Drink Display

Currently the OHK
traveling library drink
displays are on display
at the Pawnee County
Library and the
[Ashland Library](#).

If you are interested in
having the drink display
on display in your area,
send an email to [Julie](#).




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American Ministries' Dodge City Dental Clinic on March 6, 2013. Initially opened in 2010 as a part time clinic, the clinic is now open full-time with a full staff. Leading the staff is Dr. David Andersen, who joined the UMMAM team in January.



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