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## ORAL HEALTH KANSAS

Weekly Wednesday Update

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

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## Medicaid Expansion Advocacy Opportunity

The Kansas Health Consumer Coalition is organizing opportunities in the next several days to generate letters from Kansas consumers to policymakers about the need to expand the Kansas Medicaid program.

The Affordable Care Act offers our state an unprecedented opportunity to provide insurance for at least 100,000 low-income Kansans through Medicaid expansion. Medicaid expansion will not only provide our fellow Kansans with a way to meet their health needs outside of emergency rooms, it also will provide a much-needed boost to our economy. The Kansas Hospital Association estimates \$3 billion dollars would be injected into the state's economy and as many as 4,000 jobs would be created. The economic impact of expanding our Medicaid program would be equivalent to bringing a new corporation into the state.

Please consider attending one of the three upcoming letter-writing events to share your perspective on why expanding the Medicaid program will benefit Kansans.

- Friday, April 5th, 1:00 p.m. at the Topeka Public Library, Anton Room 202
- Thursday, April 11th, 3:00 p.m. at the Lawrence Senior Center, 8th & Vermont
- Friday, April 19th, 10:00 a.m. at the Kansas City, Kansas



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## Dental Champions Corner

Class 5 member and Heartland Community Health Center CEO Jon Stewart was one of the featured speakers at a Medicaid expansion rally at the Capitol on March 27. Thanks for helping to advocate to provide health and dental coverage to more low-income Kansans, Jon!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

main library, 625 Minnesota

Kansas Health Consumer Coalitions appreciates RSVPs, but they are not required. For more information or to RSVP, contact Community Outreach Manager Sean Gatewood: [sean@kshealthconsumer.com](mailto:sean@kshealthconsumer.com).

## New Fluoridation Resource

The Campaign for Dental Health has released a new fact sheet about the effectiveness of water fluoridation in improving dental health. A variety of resources from the past several years is presented as a way of sharing facts about how fluoridated water works in concert with fluoridated toothpaste to help children and adults maintain healthy teeth.

Read all the new facts from the [Campaign for Dental Health](#). If you have any questions about water fluoridation, please send them to Oral Health Kansas at [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org). We will help find answers to any questions you may have and help clear up any confusion about the facts.

## KanCare Troubleshooting Calls

The Department of Health and Environment holds three KanCare stakeholder troubleshooting calls each week. The calls offer opportunities for Medicaid providers and stakeholders to raise issues related to the state's transition to Medicaid managed care. Calls are 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](#).

## Legislative Session Update

Next week look for a full round up of the latest news about 2013 legislative activity related to oral health. The Legislature will adjourn this Friday for a month-long break and will return on May 8 for a short wrap-up session.

## Workshop Addresses Health Reform's Impact on Nonprofits

It's been three years since passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Yet, many people still do not understand the law. On Friday, April 19, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Nonprofit Connect will host "The Affordable Care Act & Nonprofits" to help you understand what's in the law (and what's not), how it affects your organization and employees, and what we can



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**2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference**  
Johnson County Community College  
November 7-8, 2013

## 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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expect in the coming months. The workshop will be held at the Kauffman Conference Center, 4801 Rockhill Road.

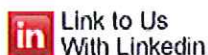
Representatives from three policy organizations (representing both Missouri and Kansas) will present information and answer questions. Topics to be covered include health care, health insurance, and why health reform is an important policy issue; how the ACA may (or may not) address problems in the health system; and the impact of the law on consumers, health providers and businesses; and more.

Find more information and register at [Nonprofit Connect](#). This workshop is sponsored by the REACH Healthcare Foundation.



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