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Last week, Dental Champions Class VIII met in Topeka. They learned about how to develop effective messages and how to understand the audience you are delivering your messages to. Jake Williams from Healthier Colorado and Wyatt Hornsby from Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation spoke about their recent successful experience in water fluoridation messaging.

Colorado Dental Association Executive Director Greg Hill (Class II) visited the class as

US House may vote to repeal ACA tomorrow ... Take action today

A proposed amendment authored by U.S. Rep. Tom MacArthur (R-NJ), in consultation with U.S. Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC), has revitalized the effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA). We may see it come up for a vote as early as tomorrow, Thursday, May 4th.

- The proposed amendment would allow states to apply for waivers from ACA regulations such as essential health benefits that protect children's oral health.
- The proposed amendment would also allow a state to apply for a waiver allowing insurers to charge more for individuals with pre-existing conditions based on the condition the state must have a high-risk pool.

Status

House Republicans are still reviewing the proposed amendment and it is unclear

well and joined in a photo with Jake (left) and Wyatt (right).



Dr. Allison Lesko (Class VII) owns a dental practice in Fort Collins, Colorado, and traveled back to Kansas to share her insights from the successful 2014 Salina fluoridation campaign.



Take part in a new KanCare Provider Experience Survey

Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc. is conducting a KanCare Provider Experience Survey on behalf of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Health Care Finance. The brief survey covers a variety of provider experience questions and is designed to help ensure that the KanCare program is as responsive and provider-friendly as possible.

The survey is estimated to take approximately 5 minutes to complete. May 8, 2017 will be

whether there are the required 216 votes, but reports have come out that some members are changing their votes from "no" to "yes". We must make sure that does not happen!

Take Action Today!

- Call your members of Congress: 202-224-3121
- Tweet at your members of Congress. Urge them to reject the harmful campaign to repeal the ACA and to instead #ProtectOurCare.

Key Messages:

- Oppose the proposed MacArthur amendment that will repeal essential health benefits that provide children with oral health care.
- Oppose legislation that will increase the number of uninsured, cut Medicaid and risk the health of millions. 2Drop the harmful campaign to repeal the ACA.

Sample Tweets:

- The proposed MacArthur amendment gets rid of essential health benefits that protect children's oral health. #ProtectOurCare
- The proposed changes to repeal and replace #ACA increase the number of uninsured, cut Medicaid and risk the health of millions of Americans.

The latest plan to repeal and replace #ACA eliminates protections for older adults and those with preexisting conditions #ProtectOurCare

the first day of the survey. Providers are requested to respond to the survey by Friday, May 26, 2017. For any questions regarding the KanCare survey, providers should contact Kelly Stephens, Research Associate at KFMC, 785-271-4112.

[Here](#) is the link to the KanCare Provider Experience Survey.



Reserve a sugary drink display

If you tried reserving a sugary drink display and we were booked, it's important to reserve one before the slots are full! Reserve a sugary drink display even if its just for a one day event! Reserving yours ahead of time is crucial. [Sign up now!](#)

Our sugary drink display contains 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. We also include some of our [Tips and Tricks handouts](#) and mirror clings! The display is free to use for up to a month, and we reimburse postage!



OHK participates in PTA annual convention

Oral Health Kansas was represented at the 2017 Kansas Parent Teacher Association (PTA) annual convention last weekend. The 2017 convention was held in Kansas City, Kansas, and attracted PTA leaders from across the state. Kelly Rippel, OHK's Water Access Manager, shared our popular sugary drink display and helped promote the Thirsty for Health project to increase water access in schools.



Staff present workshops for people with developmental disabilities

Feeling Good About Your Smile workshops will be provided to Community



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Development Disability Organizations (CDDO) and consumers, thanks to a partnership between the University of Kansas, Institute for Health & Disability Policy Studies and Oral Health Kansas.

Today OHK Dental Director, Kathy Hunt, provided a workshop to a group of engaged consumers in Johnson County, teaching them the importance of oral health using simple colorful slides and hands-on activities to reinforce basic oral health messages.



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