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Congratulations to Julie Branstrom on her [interview in the Lawrence Journal-World](#) about the dental needs of older Kansans. Julie is the Executive Director of the Douglas County Dental Clinic and was a member of [Dental Champions Class V](#).

In the article, Julie explained the fact that Medicare does not cover dental care, as well as the complexities involved in trying to

**Prepare Yourself For Another Extraordinary Conference!**

The 2018 Conference on Oral Health will take place November 2 at the beautiful K-State Olathe Campus, 22201 W. Innovation Dr. in Olathe.



This one-day event is designed to bring

meet older Kansans' dental needs. She pointed out the challenges in addressing dental problems in long-term care facilities saying, "I think that there's probably just a lack of training and education for those staff members about the importance of oral health for elderly patients."

Thank you for shedding light on this important subject, Julie!



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### Did You Know?

For 2015-2016, prevalence of total caries (untreated and treated) was 43.1% and untreated caries was 13.0% among youth aged 2-19 years.



[Prevalence of Total and Untreated Dental Caries Among Youth: United States, 2015-2016](#)

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people together to lead innovation in overall health for Kansans. There will be incentives to bring new people to the conference to learn about how innovations in oral and overall health are happening in Kansas communities and how dental professionals, policymakers, volunteers and organizations are leading the charge.

At the conclusion of the 2018 Conference on Oral Health, participants will have access to new ideas and tools they can use to continue bringing people together in their communities to lead innovation in overall health for Kansans.

More details coming soon!

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### 2018 Legislative Session Wraps Up; CMS Denies Term Limits

The 2018 Legislative Session came to a close on Friday, May 4th shortly before 6PM. In the final days, the legislature was able to pass both a school finance bill and a budget bill onto the Governor's desk. The budget bill included a clause that would prevent the state administration from enacting substantially different provisions for care and qualification, such as work requirements and term limits, under KanCare without legislative approval. Some legislators have voiced their prediction to return to the statehouse within the next couple months for a special session to reexamine school finance.

In other KanCare news, officials with the

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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced they would be rejecting the three-year lifetime limit waiver proposed by state administration. CMS believes these types of limits could prematurely block the pathway of people striving to be healthy and emerge from poverty. The federal administration is still supportive of work requirements at this time. Additional information can be found [here](#).



## Tobacco 21 Hoping For Supreme Court Hearing

The city of Topeka has appealed the March ruling from Shawnee County District Court's judge, Franklin Theis, which banned the increase in the age of sale and purchase of tobacco products within the city limits. The city, arguing they are utilizing their home rule power to enact Tobacco 21, has asked the Kansas Supreme Court to take the case rather than work through a traditional appeals

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