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Graphic Images to Deter Smokers Release

On Tuesday the Department of Health and Human Services released the graphic warnings that will be on cigarette packages and advertising starting in 2012. This is the first major change to the warning labels on cigarette packs in more than 25 years.

Kathleen Sebelius, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, said in a statement Tuesday, "These labels are frank, honest and powerful depictions of the health risks of smoking and they will help encourage smokers to quit, and prevent children from smoking,"



In addition to the harsh reality of the side effects of smoking all of the packs that contain the new images will also contain a toll-free telephone number for smoking cessation services.

To learn more about the new cigarette labels [CLICK HERE](#)

To learn more about the risks that smoking creates to oral



Working Together for Overall Health

This year OHK and KAMU are teaming up to bring a joint conference. It will be held September 14-16, 2011 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas.

2011 Excellence in Oral Health Awards

Do you know of an individual who is a community leader in oral health? Maybe you know a clinician or organization that has made a positive impact? If so, Please let us know by NOMINATING SOMEONE TODAY!

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2011 Nomination Form.

Awards will be presented at the 2011 Oral Health Kansas Conference September 14-16, 2011 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Overland Park Kansas.

Nominations will be accepted until July 29th, 2011.

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The toll-free Kansas Tobacco Quitline, 1-800-QUITNOW (1-800-784-8669), is a useful and effective tool for tobacco users who are ready to quit. The Quitline is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Experienced cessation counselors work with callers to prepare for a quit date and help create a free personalized quit plan. The one-on-one telephone counseling sessions are scheduled at times convenient for the caller. Callers are encouraged to contact the Quitline as many times as possible to help them meet their goals.



Lt. Governor Colyer Announces Medicaid Reform Forums

Last week the Lt. Governor announced a series of three public forums about Medicaid reform will be held this summer. Earlier this year the Lt. Governor began a Medicaid reform project by asking for ideas about how to both save money in Medicaid and improve health outcomes. Oral Health Kansas submitted a proposal to provide dental services for all people enrolled in Medicaid. We plan to continue addressing the cost effectiveness and health benefits of a dental benefit during the forums this summer.

The forums will be held in Topeka, Wichita and Dodge City:

The first session will be held today in Topeka. A review of that meeting will be available in next week's Weekly Wednesday Update. Make plans now to attend the Wichita and Dodge City sessions:

Wichita: Thursday, July 7th; 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location TBD
To RSVP for this session, [CLICK HERE](#)

Dodge City: Friday, July 8th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
United Wireless Arena, Magouirk Conference Center
To RSVP for this session, [CLICK HERE](#)

The Lt. Governor also announced he will launch an

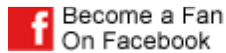
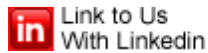
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internet-based tool to receive additional comments and ideas from members of the public. This tool is set to launch in a few weeks. He plans to hold a conference in August in the Kansas City area as the final step in the public input process.

To see a summary of the proposals submitted to the Lt. Governor's Medicaid reform team in February of this year, [CLICK HERE](#)

To see a copy of all the proposals submitted in February, click here: [CLICK HERE](#)

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