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Dental Champions member, Cathleen Taylor-Osborne (Class 7) was named to the Board of Directors for the

[Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors](#)

[\(ASTDD\)](#). Congratulations Cathy! And thank you for representing Kansas!

Keep Contacting Your Senators!

Thank you all for your continued calls, emails and letters to Senators Moran and Roberts to stand up for Kansans' healthcare coverage. We appreciate the time and effort you have been putting in. Unfortunately, there is still more work to do.

Senators in Washington D.C have been busy over the past week trying to find a way to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Last Thursday, Senate Republicans released a new version of the Better Care Reconciliation Act. No changes were made to the bill to help our most vulnerable populations, such as children, pregnant women, elderly, and those with disabilities.

On Monday, Senators Jerry Moran (KS) and Mike Lee (UT) stated their opposition to the revised bill becoming the third and fourth senators to oppose the bill and effectively killing it. Senator Moran



Open slots for exhibitors

OHK still has open slots for exhibitors for our annual conference in November. This year the conference will be held November 2-3 at the KState Olathe Campus in Olathe. Your exhibitor registration will provide the following benefits:

- An 8 foot table with tablecloth and skirting
- Two chairs
- Electricity, upon request
- Complimentary internet access
- Complimentary access to all conference meal functions and speakers

If you have any questions, email us at info@oralhealthkansas.org

To fill out an exhibitor form, click [here](#).

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deserves praise for listening to his constituents' concerns. However, he has already voiced his support for repealing the ACA without a replacement, which could be the next health bill vote approaching the Senate. A vote on repealing the ACA without a replacement could take place as early as this week. If the ACA is repealed without a replacement, 32 million people could lose insurance coverage by 2026 and Kansas would be unable to expand Medicaid in the future.

Any bill that cuts or caps the Medicaid program, ends the ACA's Medicaid expansion, increases the number of uninsured, or undermines the consumer protections in the ACA is bad for Kansas. Keep contacting your senators to encourage them to protect Kansans! What can you do?

- Don't give up! Senator Moran proved that our voice matters when he opposed BCRA. We can do it again!
- Call Senator Jerry Moran and tell him thank you for not supporting BCRA and ask him to protect vulnerable Kansans by voting against the repeal of ACA without a replacement. Phone: (202) 224-6521.
- Call Senator Pat Roberts and ask him to protect vulnerable Kansans by voting against the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. Phone: (202) 224- 4774.
- Join us Friday for an ORAL HEALTH TWITTER STORM from 1-2 p.m. EDT
- Urge colleagues, friends and family in other states to contact their senators

Free webinar opportunity: Promoting Oral Health for Older Adults

The Minnesota Gerontological Society is having a webinar on Promoting Oral Health for Older Adults. This webinar will review key oral health concerns for older adults, connections between oral and systemic health, and potential barriers to dental care for older adults, as well as resources to address them.

Click [here](#) to find out more and register!



Sugary Drink Display

This week we've been busy exhibiting at conferences! One of our attractions is our sugary drink display. Reserve one for you to use! Use the drink display at schools, for classroom education, health fairs or even at your office!

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

Reserving yours ahead of time ensures you can get the date(s) you need. [Email us](#) and let us know when you would like to reserve a drink display.

and ask them to support health care for all by opposing this legislation.

The [Medicaid is US campaign](#) is a TV and social media campaign to show how important Medicaid is and how important it is to protect Medicaid. This site allows you to connect directly with your Members of Congress through e-mail, Facebook or Twitter.

Oral health funding bill moves to House committee

The Action for Dental Health Act of 2017 was introduced in May and recently passed the House Subcommittee on Health. This bill secures \$18 million in each year from 2018-2022 to fund oral health promotion and disease awareness programs from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#). Chicago dentist, Dr. Cheryl D. Watson-Lowry, had testified in support of the bill. "This bill will allow organizations to qualify for oral health grants to support activities that improve oral health education and dental disease prevention and develop and expand outreach programs that facilitate establishing dental homes for children and adults, including the elderly, blind and disabled," Dr. Watson-Lowry testified.



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The goal of this bill is to provide adequate funding to help significantly improve oral health across the nation, especially by improving access to dental care for impoverished and at-risk populations throughout the U.S., including children and the elderly. The bill received bipartisan support from the subcommittee and next faces the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. [Read more](#) about the bill and next steps.

The oral health of Kansas Head Start children

The 2017 [Kansas Head Start Smiles for Life report](#) presents the results of a Kansas Basic Screening Survey, a statewide, nationally recognized oral health survey of children's oral health. Using the survey protocol designed by the CDC and the Association for State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD), the survey collected clinical information on tooth decay among Head Start-enrolled children 3-5 years of age. With Head Start Smiles for Life, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment takes its first in-depth look at the oral

health status of a representative sample of HeadStart children throughout the state. During the 2015-2016 school year, a total of 1,443 Head Start children ages 3-5 years received a dental screening at 25 Head Start centers. Head Start children were screened because Head Start is the target preschool population for the National Oral Health Surveillance System. [Read more](#) about the findings and the full report.



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