



WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

The Weekly Wednesday Update is our newsletter which we email every Wednesday with oral health, health and policy updates from around the state and nationally.

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Can We Count on Your Support?

We are planning two exciting events in November that YOU could help sponsor! OHK is turning 15 this year! Fifteen years dedicated to promoting the importance of lifelong dental health by shaping policy and educating the public so Kansans know that all mouths matter. A birthday celebration and the 2018 Conference on Oral Health in November! Two events... one sponsor price!

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2018 Conference on Oral Health
November 2 from 8:00am-4:30pm
K-State Olathe Campus
22201 W. Innovation Way, Olathe

Oral Health Kansas 15th Anniversary Luncheon
November 27 from 11:30am-1:00pm
Foundry Event Center
400 SW 33rd St, Topeka

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Kansas Oral Health Coalitions Gather for Leadership Training

Last week we held our two-day Coalition Leadership Training in Lawrence for five of our Oral Health Coalitions. Patti Ulrich, from the Michigan Oral Health Coalition was in Kansas for her yearly site visit and was able to meet with coalition members. Christina Holt, from the Community Toolbox at KU provided a session about health equity. Patti Ulrich and Doug Bowman spoke about the Midwest Collaborative

Initiative and how all three states can benefit from each other. The Midwest Collaborative Initiative is a partnership between Michigan Oral Health Coalition, Oral Health Kansas and Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition. It is designed to connect stakeholders in these states and nationally in the oral health movement. Tanya and Doug provided an overview of OHK and what we have to offer for resources. This was an opportunity for coalitions to meet and discuss what their communities were doing. The next event they will gather at will be at the 2018 Oral Health Kansas Conference at the K-State Olathe Campus, 22201 W. Innovation Dr.

Comments Needed on KY/MS Waivers

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are collecting comments on both the Kentucky and Mississippi Medicaid 1115 waivers. Although this concerns other states, the approval of both of these waivers could set a precedent and impact Kansas waivers. Oral Health Kansas plans to submit comments and we invite you and/or your organization to submit comments, as well. Both comment periods close on August 18th.



Kentucky HEALTH Waiver

The Kentucky HEALTH waiver would add numerous regulations and roadblocks to the program, including work requirements and other barriers to coverage and care. This waiver was initially [blocked in federal court](#), but the federal administration is hoping to re-approve the waiver. The waiver's re-

approval would set dangerous precedents for other states considering similar waiver elements, such as Kansas.

This [comment guide](#) can help draft your comments to [submit here](#).

Mississippi Medicaid Workforce Training Initiative

Mississippi's recently revised Medicaid 1115 Waiver, Mississippi Medicaid Workforce Training Initiative, would push thousands of very low income parents out of coverage. If approved, the Mississippi model would offer a precedent for other non-expansion states, such as Kansas, to implement work requirements - something that has never been allowed before.

This [comment guide](#) can help draft your comments to [submit here](#).

CMS needs to hear how Kentucky and Mississippi waivers will cause thousands to lose coverage and set a dangerous precedent for states across the country. Comments led to the initial block in the Kentucky waiver. They do make a difference! Remember, both comment periods close on August 18th.



Challenge, Change and Opportunity at the 2018 KAMU Conference

The Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU) Annual Conference will be held Wednesday, September 19 - Friday, September 21 at the DoubleTree in Lawrence.

Oral Health Pre-Conference Workshop

The Oral Health Pre-Conference Workshop will feature Paul Glassman, DDS, MA, MBA, focusing on opportunities for health professionals to expand the reach and effectiveness of oral health improvement systems using telehealth-connected teams and Virtual Dental Homes. [Learn more here!](#)

Register Today for the Pre-Conference and Conference

[Register by AUGUST 31](#). If you are a KAMU member and have questions about your membership level, [find details here](#).

For more conference information, go to the [KAMU website!](#)

Colyer Concedes to Kobach

Tuesday evening, Governor Jeff Colyer conceded to Secretary of Kris Kobach for the Republican nomination for Governor. Governor Colyer held a press conference in his office at the Capitol where he thanked Kansans for their votes and stated he would not challenge the results or ask for a recount. Kris Kobach will join Democratic nominee Senator Laura Kelly on the November ballot for Governor. Independent candidate Greg Orman also may appear on the ballot. He collected signatures to be added to the ballot and is awaiting confirmation that his name will appear.





Patient Engagement About Fluoride and Fluoridation Webcast

The New York State Department of Health, the New York State Dental Foundation and the School of Public Health, University at Albany are sponsoring a free continuing education webinar for medical and dental providers on the topic of Patient Engagement about Fluoride and Fluoridation.

This training was on August 14, 2018 and will also be offered on August 16, 2018 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. The training will be archived and available online for continuing education credits. The purpose of this webinar is to enhance the capacity of dental & medical health care providers to provide quality patient education and community awareness regarding evidence-based fluoride interventions to reduce tooth decay.

After viewing the webcast participants will be able to:

- Identify evidence-based guidance on the use of fluorides for caries prevention
- Define misinformation from patients regarding fluorides
- Recognize how to have effective conversations with patients about fluorides for caries prevention
- Recognize various roles that health professionals can play in educating their patients and communities about fluoride and caries prevention

For more information and to sign up, click [here](#)!



Oral Health Kansas attended the Annual Kansas School Sealant meeting. Dr. Johnny Johnson Jr., President of the American Fluoridation Society spoke about the facts on community water fluoridation. Dr. Cathy Taylor Osborne and Dr. Johnny Johnson Jr., provided comments about the sealant meeting and what the Bureau of Oral Health

is working on. Click [here](#) to view the video.



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