KanCare Educational Meetings Next Week

Next week, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will convene a series of educational workshops designed for Medicaid providers and beneficiaries. Meetings will be held in eight cities throughout Kansas and will feature afternoon sessions for providers, including dentists, followed by evening sessions for consumers of Medicaid services. The workshops will provide information about the transition to Medicaid managed care known as KanCare. Three managed care organizations (MCOs) have been selected to provide all Medicaid services in the state, and representatives from the MCOs will take part in the workshops.

The meeting schedule is as follows. Registration for the provider meetings is required, as space is limited.

Monday, July 30: Garden City and Topeka
1 - 4 pm Provider Meeting
6 - 8 pm Beneficiary Meeting

Tuesday, July 31: Wichita and Leavenworth
1 - 4 pm Provider Meeting
6 - 8 pm Beneficiary Meeting

Wednesday, August 1: Salina and Fort Scott
nominations for our annual awards. Nominations in the following category are encouraged:

- Organization
- Dental Hygienist
- Dentist
- Community Leader
- Policy Maker
- Volunteer
- Dental Champion

Nominations will be accepted through July 30th.

To make a nomination CLICK HERE

Review a list of past award winners HERE

Dental Champions Corner

Patty Martinette, class 4 member provides dental hygiene education, screenings and fluoride varnish applications to children at the Cerebral Palsy Clinic at KU Medical Center once a month. Patty also focuses on the parents & caregivers to provide them with oral hygiene instructions and answering any questions they have.

Did You Know???

Fluoridated water could prevent up to 25% of tooth decay for residents in Wichita, our state's largest city.

TxDental Champions Leadership Program a program of Oral Health Kansas, Inc.

New dental benefits

One significant new feature of KanCare is an adult preventive dental benefit. It is important that members of the Kansas dental community take part in the meetings in order to learn more about that benefit as well as how the current fee-for-service model for children's dental care will transition to a managed care model.

If you have any questions, please contact Tanya Dorf Brunner at tdorf@oralhealthkansas.org or 785-235-6039.

"BRUSHY" Video Goes Viral!

If you haven't caught the Oregon Dental Association's "Teach Me How to Brushy" video yet, now is the time! The creative public service video extols the virtues of tooth brushing and good oral health in a creative way with a catchy tune.

"Brushy" has been featured by national news outlets, including Good Morning America. An accompanying Facebook page offers additional oral health tips HERE.

To view the Video HERE on YouTube

Congrats to the Oregon Dental Association for helping to teach people across the country how to "brushy!"
2012 Conference
Prevention MATTERS 2012

Make plans to attend the 2012 Oral Health Kansas Annual Conference September 13-14, 2012 at the Hotel at Old Town in Wichita, KS.

The Conference will feature a special reception with the new Big Mouth exhibit at Exploration Place sponsored by Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation.

For more information or to register CLICK HERE

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update please send an email to jparnell@oralhealthkansas.org