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Please welcome our new Policy Director, Christi Nance! In her new role, she serves as state representative for DentaQuest Foundation's Midwest Regional Oral Health Connections Team, as well as represents Oral Health Kansas at the state house.

Help Keep Kansans Covered - Continue the Fight!

Senate Republicans are expected to release a new version of the [Better Care Reconciliation Act \(BCRA\)](#) this Thursday with a vote anticipated the following week. Although changes are expected to the previous bill, none are likely to drastically alter the estimate provided by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). A new estimate from the CBO is probable early next week. Senate leadership also announced the Senate's scheduled August recess would be delayed two weeks to allow time to continue working on bills.

Anticipated revisions to the BCRA include:

- Increased funding for opioid abuse prevention
- Increased health savings account (HSA) limits
- Cruz Amendment, which allows insurance companies to offer plans created of their own



Webinar: Oral Health Coalition Sustainability webinar

This webinar will be presented by Dave Shavel, [Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America \(CADCA\)](#) on July 18, 2017 12:30-2 p.m. ET and 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. CT. This educational session will provide participants with an opportunity for coalition leaders and members to identify key elements to sustain the growth of their coalitions and to take steps to develop a comprehensive plan to maintain and expand their oral health initiative. [Sign up](#) and learn how you can build a sustainable coalition!



choosing if at least one plan complies with the essential health benefit and community rating mandate

-This amendment would allow healthier adults to purchase plans with less benefits, but would ultimately increase cost for those with pre-existing conditions.

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?

- Call Senator Jerry Moran and tell him THANK YOU for not supporting the bill. ["The Senate healthcare bill missed the mark for Kansans and therefore did not have my support."](#) Phone: (202) 224-6521.
- Call Senator Pat Roberts and ask him to protect vulnerable Kansans by changing his mind and voting against the bill. Phone: (202) 224- 4774.
- Amplify your opposition through social media using the hash tags #ProtectOurCare, #KeepKidsCovered, #SaveMyCare, #Medicaid, or #ProtectMedicaid.
- Urge colleagues, friends and family in other states to contact their senators 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

Sugary Drink Display

School will be in session next month! Have you reserved your drink display? 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.



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it is to protect Medicaid. This site allows you to connect directly with your Members of Congress through e-mail, Facebook or Twitter.

Nominations for Excellence in Oral Health Awards are now open

Each year at our OHK conference, we honor individuals or organizations that are making a difference in oral health. They will be honored at our awards reception on November 2 at the [KState Olathe Campus](#) in Olathe, Kansas. Take this opportunity to nominate someone who deserves recognition! Let them know their hard work is well appreciated. The categories are:

- Outstanding Organization
- Outstanding Dental Hygiene Clinician
- Outstanding Dentist Award
- Outstanding Community Leader
- Bob Bethel Outstanding Policy Maker
- Outstanding Oral Health Volunteer
- Outstanding Dental Champion

The nomination process is simple. Here are the forms:

[2017 Excellence in Oral Health Awards Nomination Form](#)

[2017 Outstanding Dental Champion Nomination Form.](#)

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Make an oral health impact in your community! OHK can help!

If you're looking for ways to improve oral health in your community and don't know how, we can help you start the conversation! Currently, there are communities around Kansas that are working together to improve oral health disparities or issues in their areas. If you're interested in learning more, [here](#) is a list of resources we can provide.

You can also contact Doug Bowman at 785-235-6039 or dbowman@oralhealthkansas.org



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