



ORAL HEALTH KANSAS

ADVOCACY • PUBLIC AWARENESS • EDUCATION

2025 Policy Accomplishments

2026 Policy Priorities



2025 Medicaid Rate Advocacy Coalition Impact

49 State and Local
Organizations

11 Individual
Testimonies

153 Rates
Increased

2025 Public Policy Accomplishments

- Led a large advocacy coalition to successfully advocate for a total of \$11.9 million in funding to increase Medicaid dental rates and the rate for a hospital-based sedation dental code (G0330).
- Conducted a dental provider survey to develop guidance to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment on allocation of the Medicaid dental rate increase.
- Provided testimony to the Kansas Legislature a dozen times on issues including:
 - Medicaid dental rates
 - Potential new dental school
 - Medicaid state plan amendments
 - CHIP eligibility
 - Community Water Fluoridation
- Created and delivered a letter to each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation asking them to protect the Medicaid program.

2026 Public Policy Priorities

Oral Health Kansas advocates for local, state, and federal policies that increase access to dental care, especially for underserved and rural communities, while recognizing the impact of social drivers of health on Kansans' ability to achieve oral and overall health.



Increase financial capacity to pay for dental services

Reduce financial barriers associated with professional dental care. Full dental benefits for all Medicaid enrollees are a priority.

- Advocate to increase the Medicaid dental rates to be consistent with commercial rates.
- Ensure the hospital sedation dental care code G0330 remains competitively priced and applies to both hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers.
- Advocate with Congressional delegation for a comprehensive Medicare dental benefit, Medicaid adult dental benefits, and dental benefits for veterans.
- Encourage elimination of administrative barriers for dental providers participating in KanCare.
- Promote KanCare expansion.



Increase access to providers

Ensure that all Kansans have access to comprehensive oral health care. Address policies and practices that would restrict or impact the ability of residents to access oral health care.

- Support initiatives to increase access to oral healthcare providers.
 - ◊ Target populations include children, people with disabilities, and older adults.
 - ◊ Encourage expansion of oral health data collection & reporting under KanCare.
 - ◊ Actively engage Managed Care Organizations in increasing their dental provider network and exploring incentive programs.
 - ◊ Improve access to sedation dental care for people with disabilities, including by advocating that accurate lists of sedation dental providers be tracked and published by the KanCare program and Managed Care Organizations.
- Lead Dental Medicaid Facilitator campaign to reduce oral health disparities by encouraging dental offices to treat children and adults with disabilities.

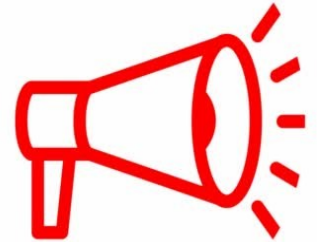


Improve Public Oral Health

Engage in activities to increase the oral health of all Kansans using evidence-based public health strategies.

- Preserve existing community water fluoridation in Kansas.
- Support policies to reduce exposure to and harm from cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic cigarettes.
- Encourage all early childhood organizations and agencies to align their policies by requiring dental visits by age one.

What advocates say about partnering to improve oral health in Kansas



"We are moving the needle forward for the next generation of families."

"We all see the same issue, but when you put together all the different lenses together to view the issues I think the potential for solutions becomes so much greater."