



WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

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Have You Struggled with Dental Care Access?

We know each person's situation is different and struggling to get dental care access has its own story. If you have experience with Medicaid (KanCare) and have had issues getting access to dental care, we would like for you to join our Lived Experience Advisory Group. The group meets virtually on a quarterly basis to share their information, seek solutions, and help OHK understand the real challenges Kansans are facing. The advisory group members

have gained insights and resources to use in their lives, and we hope to grow our reach by adding more members!

Learn more on our website: <https://oralhealthkansas.org/LivedExperience.html> or contact us at info@oralhealthkansas.org.



Don't Risk Losing Your Health Coverage!

Medicaid (KanCare) renewals have begun! Make sure to give the [KanCare Clearinghouse](#) your updated address, phone number or any other contact information that has recently changed. There is even a little chat bot at the bottom of the Clearinghouse webpage that allows you to update your contact information quickly. Doing this will help the KanCare Clearinghouse contact you when your renewal is due and may help you avoid a gap in coverage.

Here are some helpful resources if you need assistance:

- KanCare Ombudsman office <https://www.kancare.ks.gov/kancare-ombudsman-office?fbclid=IwAR12PED4XvvD5Xbiv62ChEYKg86Gak6MpjDO8rE21wI56jMb3eAOeVTAnXE>
- Fact sheet with information https://www.kancare.ks.gov/docs/default-source/home/unwinding-faq.pdf?sfvrsn=6660521b_10&fbclid=IwAR1Gj0GSotPCsvkxbkZcvSZvRP011I67WufYsTs3KqVgTF7DG_DthTa3QQc
- KanCare forms https://www.kancare.ks.gov/kancare-ombudsman-office/resources?fbclid=IwAR3u94UCo96Q7LHvvFdf4xq0frlINCr_rpLafDxE3FNaZseX2RPch1YHhfFk



The Danger of Oral Health Home Remedies

A [visual report](#) from CareQuest Institute finds that half of adults who experienced an oral health problem in the last 12 months used a home remedy for the problem – a decision that isn't always safe. Some of the dangerous home remedies included pain medication prescribed for another purpose, illegal narcotics, a needle to lance a gum abscess, and alcohol. The report emphasizes the importance of having a regular dentist for ongoing prevention and treatment, so please don't turn to these potentially harmful solutions to treat tooth pain.



Participate in a Virtual Focus Group

Have you recently received healthcare coordination during pregnancy or after childbirth in Kansas? On behalf of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Health Institute is putting together a virtual group interview (focus group) to better understand your experience with care coordination. If you're interested in participating, please complete this short eligibility screener: bit.ly/KHISurvey. \$25 will be mailed to focus group participants.



Health Equity for All

June is Pride Month an observance that celebrates the LGBTQI+ community and the fight for equal rights. This month, join the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in advancing equality for LGBTQI+ children and families and preventing discrimination against LGBTQI+ people.

HHS is committed to working to ensure that LGBTQI+ people, their families, and communities receive equal access to health services by providing enhanced resources for LGBTQI+ health issues; developing better information regarding LGBTQI+ health needs; and working to close the LGBTQI+ health disparities gap that currently exists.

Visit the [HHS LGBTQI+ Health & Well-being webpage](#) for the latest news, reports, and health resources for LGBTQI+ people.



Upcoming Events

- Course: An Introduction to Value-Based Care in Oral Health: Moving from Volume to Value, 1 CE. Click [here](#) for the course information.
- Veteran Oral Health Action Collaborative! Launch, June 8 at 11:00am CST. Register [here](#).
- Kansas Community Health Worker Symposium, June 13, 9am-4pm in Wichita. Register [here](#).
- **Webinar:** Healthy People 2030 Oral Health Objective Webinar, the 9th in a series of webinars, June 14, 11:00am CST. Register [here](#).

- **Webinar:** A Deep Dive into Preventing Caries, June 15 at 6:00pm CST. Register [here](#).
- **Webinar:** The Heartbeat of Dentistry: Integrating CV Screening and Wellness Checks in Dental Visits, June 26 at 12:00pm CST. Register [here](#).



Congratulations to Janette Delinger, RDH on receiving the Outstanding Service Award from the UMKC School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Alumni Association! Janette is a former Oral Health Kansas Board member and a member of

Dental Champions Class II. Throughout her career she has been a leader in the Kansas Dental Hygienists' Association and the Kansas Mission of Mercy. It's clear to us Janette makes her mark in the Kansas dental community, and we are so happy to see the Alumni Association recognize the impact she is making!



Sugary Drink Display

We have Adult and Children's Sugary Drink Displays available for reservations. We only have a limited amount so please sign up soon if you're interested in reserving one. Click [here](#) to learn more about sugary drink display

reservations!

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