



## 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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## Word is Spreading About the Rate Increase

Last week Oral Health Kansas and the Kansas Dental Association shared the news that the Medicaid dental rate increase went into effect July 1. Several stories about the increase were shared by the media across the state. Here are just a few of the story links:

KSNT TV: [Kansas lawmakers invest \\$10 million to Medicaid dental program](#)

TK Magazine: [Kansas Legislature Approves Medicaid Dental Rate Increase](#)

[Effective July 1](#)

The Flint Hills Union: [Kansas Legislature Approves Medicaid Dental Rate Increase Effective July 1](#)

Clay Center and Clay County Dispatch: [Kansas Legislature Approves Medicaid Dental Rate Increase Effective](#)

July 1

Over 75 dental professionals provided feedback about the best way to allocate the funds in order to help maximize the number of dental offices that are Medicaid providers. Nearly every Medicaid dental code will see an increase. The rates will increase by roughly these amounts:

- Exams: 50%
- Cleanings/scaling & root planing: 35%
- X-rays and composite fillings: 20%
- All other codes 10%

A full list of the new Medicaid rates is available on a new provider bulletin on the [KMAP website](#).

Topic	Date	Time
Medicaid Dental: New Rates, Better Coverage	August 19	1:15 - 1:45 pm
Your Practice, Your Way: Managing Your Patient Mix	August 26	1:15 - 1:45 pm
Get to Know Your MCOs	September 2	1:15 - 1:45 pm
Enrollment & Credentialing	September 9	1:15 - 1:45 pm
Filing Medicaid Claims	September 16	1:15 - 1:45 pm
Do Well by Doing Good: Medicaid Opportunities	September 23	1:15 - 1:45 pm

BONUS CE: MY DENTAL CARE PASSPORT, SEPTEMBER 30

## Making Medicaid Work for You Webinar Series

In less than a month, we'll begin our "Making Medicaid Work for You" webinar series. This webinar is offered for dental teams to learn about the latest improvements to Medicaid dental coverage, such as expanded adult benefits, higher payment rates, technical support, and new ways to broaden access to care. Whether your office is new to Medicaid or considering rejoining, this is your opportunity to see how these updates can strengthen your practice while helping more patients. **Explore how recent Medicaid (KanCare) dental enhancements - including increased reimbursement rates - can benefit your practice and your community in Kansas.**

The webinar series dates and topics are listed below. Each webinar will be from 1:15pm-1:45pm on a Tuesday

beginning August 19.

- August 19: Medicaid Dental: New Rates, Better Coverage
- August 26: Your Practice, Your Way: Managing Your Patient Mix
- September 2: Get to Know Your MCOs
- September 9: Enrollment & Credentialing
- September 16: Filing Medicaid Claims
- September 23: Do Well by Doing Good: Medicaid Opportunities
- BONUS: September 30: My Dental Care Passport

Click [here](#) to register. Contact us at [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org) to learn more



## Delta Dental of Kansas Introduces Special Health Care Needs Benefit

Delta Dental of Kansas is proud to introduce a new benefit designed to improve access to care for individuals with special health care needs - reinforcing our commitment to innovation and healthier communities.

Starting January 1, 2026, the Special Health Care Needs Benefit will include additional dental services to help support patients with physical, developmental, sensory or behavioral conditions. Learn more about the benefits [here](#).

This benefit is rooted in compassion and a commitment to expanding access to care. To support dentists in delivering this care, Delta Dental of Kansas has partnered with [University of Kansas Medical Center](#) and [Oral Health Kansas, Inc.](#) to offer a free education webinar series, "Building Confidence in Dental Teams to Serve People with Disabilities" a free five-part virtual educational program that will help dental teams learn more about people with disabilities, how to understand and prepare for sensitivities in the dental office, and what one dental office has done to create a safe and welcoming environment for their neighbors with disabilities.

The sessions will run from 12:00pm to 1:00pm CST on Thursdays from September 4 through October 2. ADA CERP credit will be available for attendees. Click [here](#) for the flyer. Registration will open soon, but you can join the mailing list to learn more about the series and receive information about registration by visiting [this link](#).

This Project ECHO series is supported through an ARPA grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Division of Health Care Finance.



## Americans with Disabilities Act Celebrates 35th Anniversary

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990, by President George H.W. Bush. This year (2025) marks the 35th anniversary of the ADA . The ADA has been instrumental in transforming society from accessible public infrastructure and workplace accommodations to bolstered protections against disability-based discrimination. However, gaps still exist in areas like employment, accessible housing, voting rights, and public transportation.

The Pathways to Oral Health project mission is "dedicated to improving access to quality dental care for individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to essential services. We connect families with KanCare providers, support caregivers, and address home-based challenges. Through advocacy, education, and direct support, we strive for a more inclusive and accessible dental care system".

Partners involved with the [Pathways on Oral Health Project](#) are working together to ensure individuals with disabilities have seamless access to comprehensive dental care, free from barriers. [Visit the website to learn more.](#)



## Are You Ready to Vote?

If you are registered to vote, in person advance voting will begin on Tuesday, July 29 for the Primary Elections on August 5. Not all counties will have a primary election. Click [here](#) to find out if your county is one of them.

Come prepared! State law requires Kansas voters to show photographic identification when casting a vote in person, this includes voting advance in-person. You do have to go to your polling location depending on your address and that's why it's important to make sure your information has been updated if you moved or made a change. You can find your polling location [here](#).



## 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.
- Self paced courses: [Providing Oral Health Care to Autistic Individuals](#) and [Caring for Individuals with Disabilities: Practical Considerations for Dental Providers](#).

- Webinar series beginning August 19, *Making Medicaid Work For You*. Register [here](#) for five sessions!
- Project Echo Series beginning September 4 - October 2, *Building Confidence in Dental Teams to Serve People with Disabilities*. Register [here](#)! CE's are available!
- [Community Care Network of Kansas](#) annual conference, September 24-26 at the Marriott Kansas City Overland Park Hotel, in Overland Park, Kansas.
- Save the date! The Conference on Oral Health will be held Friday, November 7 at the KU Edwards Campus. Click [here](#) for updates on the conference.
- SPEAK Up! (Self-Advocates Promoting Empowerment and Access in Kansas) conference on Saturday, November 8. Click [here](#) for information.



We appreciate our current sponsors for the 2025 Conference on Oral Health which will be held on Friday, November 7.

Delta Dental of Kansas - Platinum Sponsor  
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If you are interested in sponsoring or exhibiting at our Conference on Oral Health, Friday, November 7, click [here](#) to find the sponsorship form and [here](#) to register. If you have any questions, email us at [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org)



## Sugary Drink Display

We have Adult and Children's Sugary Drink Display's available for reservations. These displays are eye catching at exhibits, schools, library, dental offices, clinics and just about anywhere you see them! 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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