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# LeadingAge Kansas Weekly Webinar May 20, 2022





#### ORAL HEALTH KANSAS

## Weekly LeadingAge Kansas Meeting

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**Oral Health Kansas** 

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## About Oral Health Kansas

Consumer oral health advocacy organization

- Founded in 2003
- Over 1,600 supporters
- Oral Health education
- Advocacy for policy improvement
- Awareness for all Kansans
- Broad & diverse board reflecting our mission



#### Mission:

Improve oral health in Kansas through advocacy, public awareness, and education

## The Facts about Kansas Older Adults

	ADULTS	
10	68% of ages 18-64 visited the dentist in the last year	С
11	31% of ages 65+ have lost six or more teeth due to tooth decay or gum disease	С
12	14% of ages 65+ have lost all of their natural teeth due to tooth decay or gum disease	С
13	48% of pregnant women had their teeth cleaned during pregnancy	С

Source: Kansas Oral Health Report Card 2022: <u>http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/img/2022 Oral Health Report Card-1.pdf</u>

#### The Facts about Kansas Older Adults

- Very few older adults lose all their teeth as a result of improvements in disease prevention and treatment
- Dental implants are a safe and effective way to replace lost teeth, but they are expensive and out of reach for most older adults
- Older adults are living longer than ever before, many with chronic diseases and complex health conditions that would be best managed by medical and dental professionals working together.



Sources: National Institutes of Health, "Oral Health in America," 2021: <u>https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/oralhealthinamerica</u> American Dental Association's Health Policy Institute, "Oral Health and Well-Being in Kansas," <u>https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/resources/research/hpi/oralhealthwell-being-statefacts/Kansas-Oral-Health-Well-Being.pdf</u>

## The Facts about Kansas Older Adults

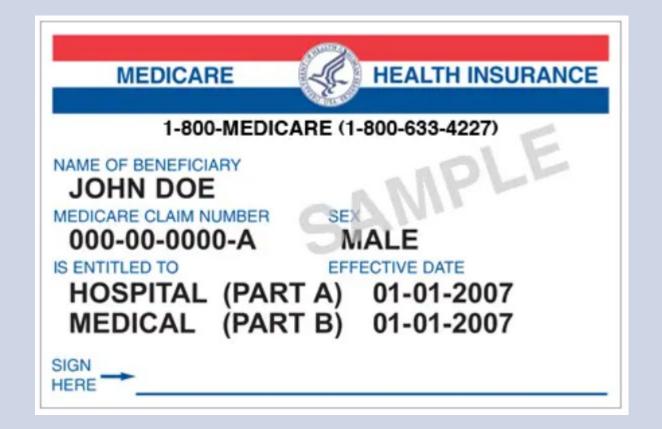
- Older adults have a higher risk for poor oral health than any other age group because many of them:
  - lack dental insurance,
  - have underlying health conditions,
  - lack convenient access to care (especially those living in underserved urban and rural areas or in long-term care facilities), and
  - have limited financial resources.
- These factors result in the higher prevalence of many oral diseases in older adults, compared to younger adults
- People who are hospitalized are more likely to get pneumonia if they have dental infections
- Controlling dental disease helps keep people healthier and manage other conditions



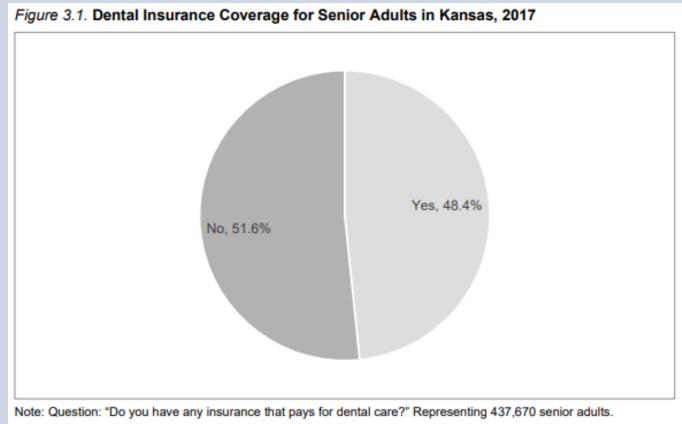
Source: National Institutes of Health, "Oral Health in America," 2021: <u>https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/oralhealthinamerica</u>

#### **Dental Coverage for Older Adults**

- Medicare does not include dental care
- Medicare supplemental plans are unaffordable for many older adults
- Medicaid coverage of dental care is not available in every state



### **Dental Coverage for Kansas Older Adults**

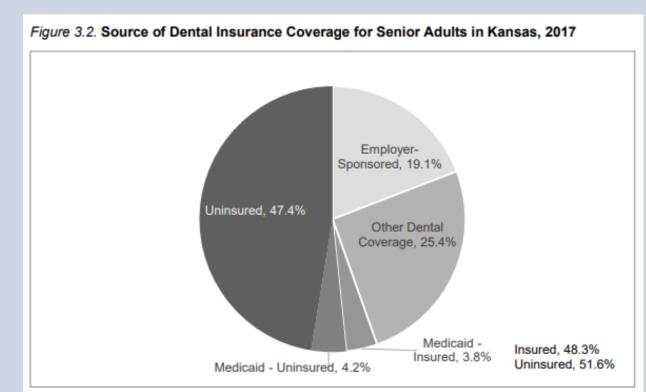


Over 50% of older adults in Kansas do not have dental insurance coverage

Source: KHI Analysis of 2017 Kansas and Missouri Consumer Health Access Survey.

Source: Dental Insurance and Unmet Needs in Kansas, Kansas Health Institute, 2020: https://www.khi.org/assets/uploads/news/15092/dentalinsuranceunmetneedskansas.pdf

#### **Dental Coverage for Kansas Older Adults**



Note: Responded "Yes" or "No" to "Does this insurance plan help <YOU\_NAME> pay for dental care, such as teeth cleaning and x-rays of your teeth?" OR "Do you have any insurance that pays for dental care?" OR "<AREYOU\_ISNAM> covered by Medicaid or KanCare?" Representing 437,670 senior adults. Source: KHI Analysis of 2017 Kansas and Missouri Consumer Health Access Survey.

- A quarter of older adults have dental coverage from a plan like Medicare Advantage
- 20% of older adults have dental coverage through an employer
- Most of the rest are uninsured

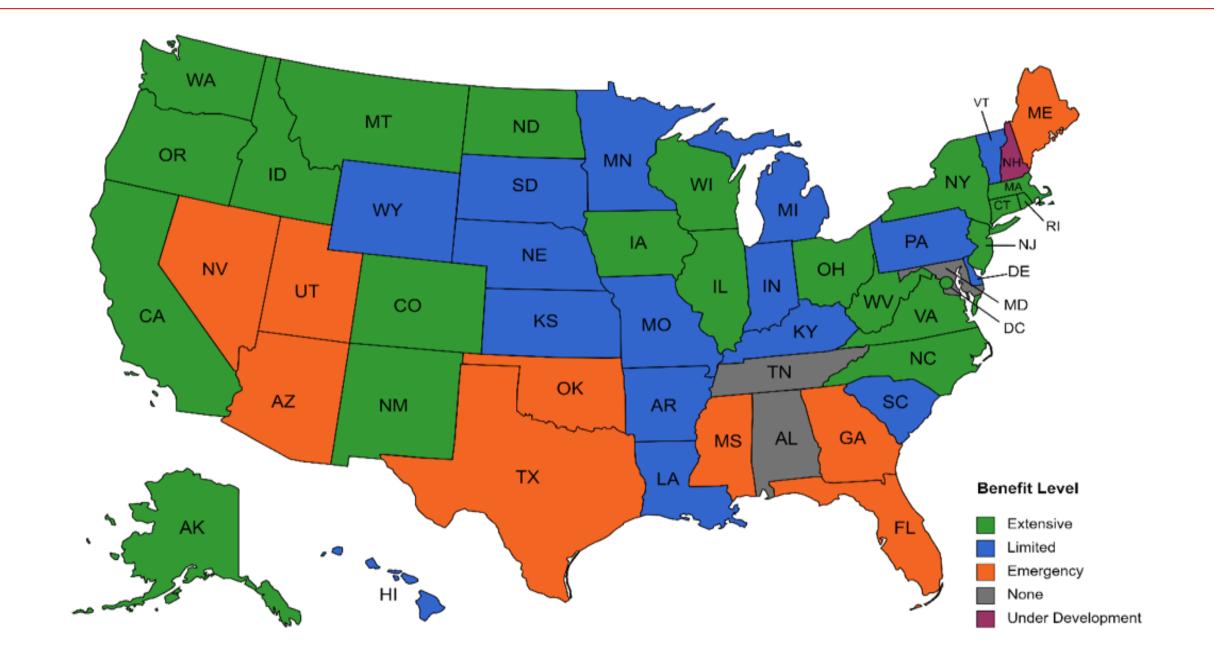
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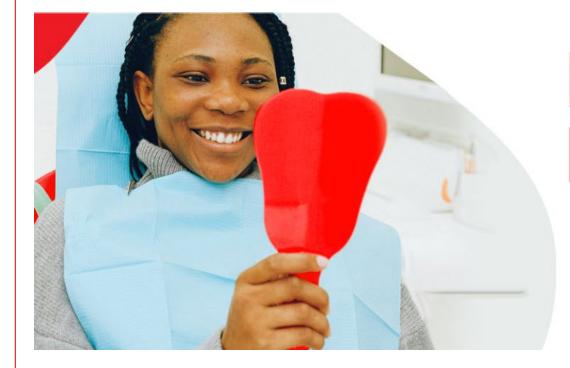
### What KanCare Includes

#### • KanCare covers:

- Most dental care for kids
- Emergency extractions for adults
- Managed Care Organizations' Value-Added Benefits include:
  - Preventive services for adults (cleaning and exam)
  - A \$500 annual benefit that includes cleanings, exams, X-rays, and some restorative services
  - Dentures every five years for some elderly people and people with disabilities







# Medicaid Dental Benefits for Adults APPROVED!

## What is coming

- Kansas Legislature appropriated \$3.5 million to extend KanCare dental coverage to adults
- The funding is based on research from the American Dental Association's Health Policy Institute
- Report estimates the cost of adult dental coverage and savings that can be realized in KanCare

- Savings will come from projected reductions in health care costs for:
  - People with diabetes
  - People with cardiovascular disease
  - People who are pregnant
  - People who visit an emergency room with a dental condition
- Funding is in the FY 2023 budget (July 1, 2022)
  - Implementation date is not yet set

American Dental Association Health Policy Institute report: Estimating the Cost of Introducing Comprehensive Medicaid Adult Dental Benefits in Kansas

What access to dental care challenges do you see most with the people you work with?

- Access to providers
- Access to a way to pay for dental care
- Access to specific dental services

### **Building the Benefit**

Which types of services do you think are most important to cover in the new adult dental benefit?

- Cleanings
- Fillings
- Root canals/crowns
- Dentures/Partials
- Extractions
- Periodontal care (gum disease)
- Other?

If you could select only two types of services to include in the new benefit, what would they be?

• Please type answers into the chat

(This does not imply there will be only two types of services. It is meant to get a sense of the highest priorities.)

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# Federal Update

- Another Batch of PRF Phase 4 Payments Distributed. <u>Nfallon@leadingage.org</u>
- House Bill Introduced to Allow TNAs Awaiting Certification to Continue Work in Nursing Homes. Building America's Health Care Workforce Act allows TNAs that are awaiting certification the opportunity to have the time relating to working in a nursing home to count toward the federal training requirement. Access an article regarding the bill <u>here</u>.
- Public Health Emergency likely to continue beyond July 16.
- Latest White House COVID-19
   Response Team Briefing <u>https://view.connect.hhs.gov/?qs=67e075272d58a34e9b8c367</u> 4f4df0183def1e7af272410a4e46f53be21d4b85ec2b4f1b6bce9a5b9e38f12548c6542ddd 8e7c9a33bed21cf8a1ca3adae35f17b7378457148ac34047892a8cb309bab11

# State Update

- **KDHE POC Test Distribution** Look out for KOTA message with details from KDHE. The agency wants to distribute their excess stock of POC tests to long term care.
  - This an OPT-OUT process meaning you will receive these tests unless you tell KDHE that you don't want them. Contact info for the opt-out will be included in the KOTA message. KDHE plans to distribute the tests in two rounds, one in summer and one in fall
- Trouble getting Medicaid eligibility because the CARE score hasn't been entered in system? Email <u>drew.adkins@ks.gov</u>
- Fire Marshal Training Videos Available Don't forget to check out videos of the monthly trainings the state fire marshal has started conducting on a variety of helpful topics.





# Legislative Update

- Veto Session: The Sequel starts on Monday. Expected to be very short because the Kansas Supreme Court upheld the congressional maps drawn by the legislature.
- Check out today's **Legislative Update** for more details on the end of session and the bills that are up for a veto override next week.





# LeadingAge National

• CONTACT CONGRESS - COVID-19 Funding Action Alert

Experts are predicting new surges in the late Summer and Fall but additional funding is needed to make sure the country has enough vaccines, boosters, tests, and treatments to meet projected needs. <u>Please</u> take two minutes to write to members of Congress now to advocate for more COVID-19 relief.

• New Provider Relief Fund Page on LeadingAge Website LeadingAge has co-located all articles, tools, letters and resources on Provider Relief Funds on a single web page to make it easier for members to find the key dates and information they need. Members can find a <u>link</u> to the page on the <u>Coronavirus Resources page</u> under Provider Resources in the left-hand column.







#### www.leadingagekansas.org/leadership







## New Member Orientation/ Refresher for Current Members

May 25th | 1:00 – 2:00 PM | Via Zoom

In this meeting you will:

- meet the LeadingAge Kansas staff
- explore member benefits
- learn how to utilize programs/resources
- network with other members
- opportunity for Q&A

#### **RSVP Here**

#### Be there! LeadingAge Kansas 2022 Summer Regional Roundtables

#### Locations:

- June 17th, 1 4 PM, Evergreen Community of Johnson County, 11811 S. Sunset Dr. Olathe, 66061, Room 1075 (space is located in building East of Evergreen)
- June 20th, 1 4 PM, Larksfield Place Retirement Communities, 7373 East 29th St. N. Wichita 67226
- June 21st, 9 12 PM, Bethel Home, 300 S. Aztec St. Montezuma 67867
- June 22nd, 9 12 PM, Prairie Senior Living Complex, 1625 S. Franklin Ave. Colby 67701
- June 23rd, 9 12 PM, Village Manor Memorial Hospital LTCU, 705 N. Brady Abilene 67410

#### **Tentative Agenda**

Advocacy Update Education for the Future Workforce Discussion Networking Opportunity

#### **RSVP Here**

## May 24th Webinar

#### Webinar: A Path to Make Long-Term Care a Provider of Choice Tuesday May 24 | 1:00 – 2:00 PM | Age-u-cate

1. Define the important organizational attributes that meet the needs of the current workforce.

- 2. Describe the "soft" benefits of working in aging services.
- 3. Evaluate the employment culture of your organization.
- 4. Identify actionable steps to reposition your employment readiness.

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## New Webinar Coming June 28th

#### Webinar: Promoting Quality of Life and Well-Being for Elders Tuesday June 28 | 1:00 – 2:00 PM | Age-c-cate

What is quality of life? And how do we know we have achieved it. In this webinar AGE-u-cate will explore the meaning of quality of life from the elder's perspective, along with practical tips on how to support what's most important to them. We will also take a look at the well-being of the caregivers and how to engage family to help support quality of life.

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# YOU CAN CREATE YOUR TOMORROW WE CAN HELP.

LeadingAge Kansas Foundation Scholarships are now available.

For more information or to apply visit LeadingAgeKansas.org/Scholarship

## LeadingAge Kansas Foundation Scholarship



#### Who can apply?



What can scholarship be used for?



How do I apply?



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#### LeadingAge Kansas Foundation Scholarship Application 2022

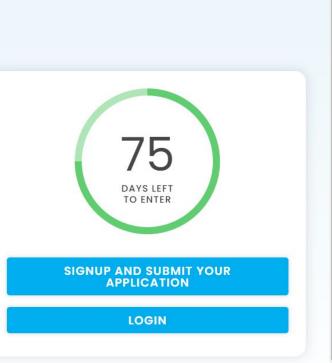
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#### **A DESCRIPTION**

#### WELCOME! WE ARE EXCITED YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

The LeadingAge Kansas Foundation provides scholarships for the purpose of attracting and retaining talent in the field of not-for-profit aging services. Funding for the scholarship program comes from the generous support of our members, valued business partners, and any other individual or organization interested in advancing the health and well-being of older Kansans.

We are specifically interested in providing scholarships to individuals seeking to advance their learning in the areas including but NOT limited to: CMA, SS/AD, CDM, Social Work, AIT, Adult Care Home Operator, or other forms of post-



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# Got questions? Contact Us!



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# **Upcoming Weekly Webinar Presentations**

## What do you want to hear on the Weekly Webinar?

Your recommendations for other topics/presenters "mini" presentations during a weekly webinar? Email Nicole@leadingagekansas.org





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