# KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION

2025 KDA ANNUAL SESSION

HOUSE OF DELEGATES AUGUST 16 & 17, 2025

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CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

LOUISVILLE, KY

### 165<sup>th</sup> KDA ANNUAL SESSION HOUSE OF DELEGATES SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025 – 2:30 P.M. CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL – LOUISVILLE, KY DR. ANSLEY DEPP – SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

#### Notice to Delegates and Alternate Delegates:

Enclosed is the Delegate information packet that includes Council, Committee and Work Group reports and proposed resolutions. The first House of Delegates meeting will convene on SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME) in Coronet Ballroom A of the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

The Reference Committee meeting will be on SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME) or immediately following the 2:30 p.m. House of Delegates meeting in the Oldham room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Discussion relative to any report should be made at that time. A link to reports will be emailed to Delegates and Alternate Delegates via Constant Contact on Saturday evening after Reference Committee(s) reports have been completed. Please review these reports prior to the House of Delegates meeting on Sunday morning. Due to prevailing technological security policies adapted by most hotels, KDA will no longer provide printed reports for pick up at the registration desk, as they have in the past. The 2<sup>nd</sup> House of Delegates meeting will convene on SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME) in Coronet Ballroom A of the Crowne Plaza Hotel).

#### **ATTENTION ALL DELEGATES**

The House of Delegates is the decision-making body of your organization. For it to function, all members must participate in the process. Your Society has chosen you to represent them in decisions that will affect the way they operate their practices. It is extremely important that you be present to speak for them at every meeting of the House of Delegates.

If you have circumstances that prevent your attendance and that cannot be mitigated, it becomes your responsibility to notify your Society President in order that a replacement can be appointed.

Your willingness to participate in the workings of your organization is appreciated.

#### REFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION REFERENCE COMMITTEE - Dr. Jonathan Rich, Chairman

Dr. Josh Leonard Dr. Brent McDonald Dr. Dustin Harper Dr. Gay Baughman

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#### **2025 TELLERS:**

Dr. Zak Taylor Dr. Kaitlyn Patel Dr. Stetson Earl

## KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION REFERENCE COMMITTEE Dr. Jonathan Rich - Chairman

REPORT NO. 1
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – Dr. Kevin Wall, Secretary/Treasurer

#### KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION BUDGET AND FINANCE MEETING ZOOM Meeting

Louisville, Kentucky June 17, 2025 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER. Dr. Kevin Wall called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The following members of the committee were present: Dr. Matt Johnson, Dr. Kevin Wall, Dr. Andy Elliott, Dr. Matt Milliner, Dr. Samantha Shaver and Dr. BJ Millay.

Staff members present were: **Dr. Stephen Robertson**, KDA Executive Director and **Mr. Todd Edwards**, KDA Assistant Executive Director.

It is the recommendation of the committee to not reimburse the 2025 ADA Delegates for the 6<sup>th</sup> District Caucus since there is no travel involved this year (zoom meeting). (this amount is \$650.00 for each delegate).

The committee also recommended the ADA Delegates only be reimbursed for travel based on receipts provided with a maximum of \$3,000.00 reimbursement. This would also pertain the 6<sup>th</sup> District meeting when and if there is an in person meeting moving forward.

The committee also recommend that KDA Executive Board review and possibly consolidate the number of ADA Delegates/Alternates that are sent on behalf of the KDA and reimbursed because of financial implications. The following is the section of bylaws that may need to be reviewed.

# SECTION 9. DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE AMERICAN DENTAL

#### ASSOCIATION.

- **A.** A. Delegates and alternate delegates to the American Dental Association (ADA) House of Delegates shall be elected in conformity with the Bylaws of the ADA.
- B. Each year the appropriate number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the American Dental Association House of Delegates (equal number of each) will be elected by the General Assembly. The Alternate Delegate elected term will be two (2) years in duration with a two-term limit. An Alternate Delegate who has served two terms will be eligible to run again after two (2) years of sitting out of the rotation. An Alternate Delegate is not required to sit out if choosing to run for a Delegate position. The Delegate elected term shall be three (3) years in duration with a two-term limit. A Delegate who has served two terms will be eligible to run again after three (3) years sitting out of the rotation. A senior member of the group of Delegates shall be designated as Chairperson of the Delegation by the Executive Board. The President, First Vice President and Speaker of the House of Delegates of the Kentucky Dental Association shall serve as Alternate Delegates to the ADA House of Delegates. Delegate and Alternate Delegate positions shall be identified by the year of the first ADA House of Delegates they will attend. If more than one position is open in a particular year, the positions will be delineated numerically. Proviso, two

delegates for the year 2021 shall be designated as "2021 ADA Delegate-1" and "2021 ADA Delegate-2".

**THE PROPOSED 2026 KDA BUDGET**. There were discussions about the revenues and expenses for the proposed 2026 KDA Budget. The committee recommends a \$50.00 dues increase and a one time assessment of \$100.00.

It was the consensus of the committee to send the 2026 Proposed KDA Budget to the KDA Executive Board with a recommendation to approve.

**ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kevin Wall, Secretary/Treasurer

#### REPORT NO. 2

COUNCIL ON ANNUAL SESSION – Dr. Gina Davis, Chairman

In April, KDA Executive Director, Dr. Stephen Robertson, KDA President, Dr. Matt Milliner, Council on Annual Session Chair, Dr. Gina Davis and the KDA Staff had the opportunity to do a site visit with hotel staff at this year's meeting venue, the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The venue has been renovated recently, and is a little smaller than the Galt House Hotel, but it's a great space that will be a good fit for our meeting.

A big thank you to Dr. Brandon Stapleton, KDA Scientific Session Chairman, for a great line-up of speakers. This year's schedule includes something for everyone.

We are excited to have the Velvet Crush Band with us on Friday night for "Friday Night Fever". This is a FREE event on Friday night that is open to everyone, so put on your dancin' shoes and join us for a night of fun! The Kentucky State Fair will be going on during our meeting as well, so bring the family along for some fun. Be sure to check out this year's program and join us for a great weekend. Everyone should have received the preliminary program guide, but you can also access the program on our website at <a href="https://www.kyda.org">www.kyda.org</a>.

We encourage our Executive Board members to share information about the meeting with all your component society members and their families and staff and encourage them to attend. Help us make this year's meeting a great success!

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Gina Davis, Chairman

#### REPORT NO. 3

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD - Dr. Samantha Shaver, Chairman

The minutes of the August, October, March and June board meetings are found in Addendum D1-4.

The Executive Board offers the following resolutions for consideration.

#### RESOLUTION 2025-101 ORGINATOR: KDA EXECUTIVE BOARD

**BACKGROUND:** The KDA Executive Board reviewed and approved the 2026 Budget as developed by the Budget and Finance Committee. Therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the proposed 2026 Revenue and Expenditure Budget be approved.

#### RESOLUTION 2025-102 ORIGINATOR: EXECUTIVE BOARD

**BACKGROUND**: In the proposed 2026 Budget, REVENUES were based on current membership numbers and a \$50.00 dues increase. With the passage by the House of Resolution F2007-102, we are required to request a \$50.00 dues increase. Therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that Chapter I, Section 4, A. (1) is changed from \$541.00 to \$591.00

#### RESOLUTION 2025-103 ORIGINATOR: EXECUTIVE BOARD

**BACKGROUND:** In the event that the KDA needs to discontinue or rename the Annual Session in the future, the following bylaw changes are proposed to ensure continuity in the House of Delegates.

#### Chapter III, SECTION 6. A.

Regular Meetings. The Secretary of the Association shall cause to be published in the Kentucky Dental Journal, an official notice of the time and place of the Annual Session House of Delegates and shall send to each member of the House of Delegates an official notice of the time and place of the Annual Session House of Delegates at least thirty (30) days before the opening of such meeting.

#### Chapter III, SECTION 12, COMMITTEES, A. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

- (a) Composition. The committee, consisting of six (6) officially certified delegates from any six (6) Component Societies, shall be appointed by the President at least thirty (30) days in advance of each regular meeting.
- (b) Duties. It shall be the duty of the Committee:
  - 1. To record and report the roll call of the House of Delegates at each meeting.
  - 2. To conduct a hearing on any contest regarding the certification of a delegate or alternate delegate and to report its recommendations to the House of Delegates.
  - 3. To verify the eligibility of membership at the Annual Session House of Delegates and resolve any question thereof. Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that Chapter III, Section 6.A. read, Regular Meetings. The Secretary of the Association shall cause to be published in the Kentucky Dental Journal an official notice of the time and place of the *House of Delegates* and shall send to each member of the House of Delegates an official notice of the time and place of the *House of Delegates* at least thirty (30) days before the opening of such meeting.

**AND FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Chapter III, Section 12, A, article 3 be amended to read, To verify the eligibility of membership at the *House of Delegates* and resolve any question thereof.

#### RESOLUTION 2025-104 ORIGINATOR: KDA EXECUTIVE BOARD

**BACKGROUND:** The Kentucky Dental Association no longer facilitates peer review processes involving members and third-party programs. This responsibility has been assumed by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry, which has the appropriate capacity and staffing to manage such disputes.

Chapter III, Section 13, B Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs duties, item #11 reads: To serve as a review committee of reasonable differences between third-party programs and dentists. Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that Chapter III, Section 13, B. Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs duties Item #11 be deleted from the bylaws.

#### RESOLUTION 2025-105 ORIGINATOR: KDA EXECUTIVE BOARD

**BACKGROUND:** The Executive Board held a discussion regarding the nomination process. One concern raised was whether the current bylaws language permits the process to proceed if a candidate is not identified prior to April 1. The discussion included requirements for a candidate running from the floor of the General Assembly. Additionally, a suggestion was made to simplify the process by eliminating the requirement for three letters of recommendation. Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that Chapter IV, Section 12, Application Form, *The Application will include three (3) letters of recommendation from members of the Kentucky Dental Association* be deleted from the bylaws.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, Chapter IV, Section 12, Responsibilities of Election Commission be amended to add, Item #7, In the event that no nominee has submitted an application for a given office, nominations from the floor of the General Assembly shall be permitted. Any individual running from the floor must provide the election commission with a signed attestation confirming the accuracy of their information and affirming their ability and commitment to fulfill the responsibilities of the office sought. Additionally, the candidate must sign a conflict of interest disclosure. Each floor nominee will be granted up to three minutes to present their platform to the assembly.

#### RESOLUTION 2025-106 ORIGINATOR: EXECUTIVE BOARD

**BACKGROUND:** In recent cycles, the KDA Executive Board's Chair role has been assumed by the First Vice President. However, our bylaws state that the Chair must be a voting member of the Board, and the First Vice President currently serves as an ex-officio, non-voting member. Granting voting privileges to the First Vice President would resolve this inconsistency. Moreover, serving as Chair offers valuable preparation for the KDA presidency.

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION reads: The Executive Board shall consist of the President of the Kentucky Dental Association, (serving as a voting member with all rights and privileges as any other member) and one (1) member elected annually from each Component Society (except that the members elected by the Student Dental Societies shall not have voting privileges). The First Vice President, Immediate Past President, Second Vice President, SecretaryTreasurer, Speaker of the House, Editor of the Kentucky Dental Journal, the Executive Director of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry, the Dean of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, the Dean of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, Dean of University of Pikeville Tanner College of Dental Medicine and the Dental Director of the Kentucky Department for Human Resources shall be exofficio members without the right to vote. The President of each Component Society can appoint another component member as an alternate member of the Executive

Board and shall serve with all privileges in the absence of the Component Society elected Board member. Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** SECTION 1. COMPOSITION be amended to read, The Executive Board shall consist of the President of the Kentucky Dental Association, and The First Vice President (serving as a voting members with all rights and privileges as any other member) and one (1) member elected annually from each Component Society (except that the members elected by the Student Dental Societies shall not have voting privileges). The First Vice President, Immediate Past President, Second Vice President, SecretaryTreasurer, Speaker of the House, Editor of the Kentucky Dental Journal, the Executive Director of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry, the Dean of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, the Dean of the University of Pikeville Tanner College of Dental Medicine and the Dental Director of the Kentucky Department for Human Resources shall be exofficio members without the right to vote. The President of each Component Society can appoint another component member as an alternate member of the Executive Board and shall serve with all privileges in the absence of the Component Society elected Board member.

**AND FURTHER RESOLVED,** Chapter IV, Section 8, B be amended to add, Item 2. To serve as a voting member of the Executive Board under duties listed for the First Vice President.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Samantha Shaver, Chairman

### REPORT NO. 4 SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT – Dr. Kevin Wall, Secretary/Treasurer

Addendums B (year end financials) and C (journal, legislative and relief fund reports).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kevin Wall, Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT NO. 5 JOURNAL COMMITTEE – Dr. Adam Rich, Chairman

#### **NO REPORT**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Adam Rich

#### RESOLUTION 2025-107 ORIGINATOR: COUNCIL ON ETHICS, BYLAWS AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

**BACKGROUND:** With the annual meeting now held in the fall, requesting nominations from our constituent societies by January 1 may present a challenge. Extending the deadline to April 30 provides these societies with sufficient time to identify qualified nominees and better align the process with the timing of our annual session. Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** Chapter V, Section 11,B will now read: The Kentucky Dental Association Fellowship Award is to be given to a dentist who is a member of the Kentucky Dental Association who has made an outstanding contribution to dentistry in Kentucky. Each component of the Kentucky Dental Association may elect one dentist to receive the award each year. The dentist need not be a member of the component. The award will be presented at the Annual Session each year at the Marcus Randall Memorial Event. The selection of each component is to be given to the Kentucky Dental Association Executive Director by January 1 April 30 of each year.

#### RESOLUTION 2025-108 ORIGINATOR: KDA MEMBER, SAMANTHA SHAVER

**BACKGROUND:** The Humanitarian award recognizes dentist members who have distinguished themselves by outstanding unselfish leadership and at least a "ten year-commitment" to their fellow human beings in the field of dentistry, through the dedication of extraordinary time and professional skills to improve the oral health of underserved populations in the United States and abroad. In past nominations, some deserving individuals were found ineligible solely because they had not yet met the 'ten-year' requirement. Removing this time constraint allows us to recognize younger dentists whose impactful service already embodies the spirit and intent of the award. Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** Chapter V, Section 11, C will now read, This prestigious award recognizes dentist members who have distinguished themselves by outstanding unselfish leadership and at least a 10 year a commitment to their fellow human beings in the field of dentistry, through the dedication of extraordinary time and professional skills to improve the oral health of underserved populations in the United States and abroad.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, under, The following documentation must be submitted:

• Complete nomination information addressing the commitment (of at least 10 years) and extraordinary humanitarian services of the nominee and the ongoing legacy that will be left, taking into account specific actions employed, demonstrated leadership skills, knowledge, dedication and persistence used to improve the oral health prospects of the specific community(ies), the population group(s) served and the long-term impact of these endeavors as indicated by the information requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jonathan Rich

#### REPORT NO. 7 KENTUCKY BOARD OF DENTISTRY

#### **NO REPORT**

**REPORT NO. 8** 

COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS & FEDERAL DENTAL SERVICES - Dr. Darren Greenwell, Chairman

The Council on Government Affairs has convened several times this year to discuss vital issues impacting our members. Following a productive legislative session, our main objective has been to determine the priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

Firstly, we strongly advocate for the continued emphasis on the Medicaid dental benefit program. The pressures our members face in sustaining this program and delivering quality oral healthcare are at a critical juncture. It is essential that we build upon the momentum established by last year's initiatives.

Secondly, we recognize the importance of aligning with other state organizations in advocating for Dental Loss Ratio (DLR) legislation. Implementing DLR will enhance transparency within dental third-party payer programs. This increased visibility will enable our patients and policyholders to better understand how their premiums are allocated towards patient care.

Moreover, we must persist in our support for fluoride protection through public education. It's crucial to convey to legislators the significance of fluoride and the serious health and cost implications for both patients and the state if its use is diminished.

I extend my gratitude to the members of the council, our staff, and the Executive Committee for their unwavering support and valuable contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Darren Greenwell, Chairman



28 June 2025

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Kentucky Dental Political Action Committee c/o Darren Greenwell, Treasurer 1920 Nelson Miller Parkway Louisville, KY 40223



Current Balance: \$ 26,000

Monthly recurring donations: \$1,250 2025 Donations \$ 6,350 and growing!

Through the financial contributions of member dentists,
KDPAC supports congressional candidates who understand the
importance of dentistry and its contribution to overall health.
Regardless of party affiliation, KDPAC supports candidates who
will advocate for dentists and patients.

Your KDPAC dollars help keep health care policy sane.
Legislators write laws. Agency workers interpret laws and create policies and rules. We need to influence rational decision making at all levels.

This fall we will continue our push to increase Medicaid reimbursement. Next year is a budget year for Kentucky so our efforts will need to have a significant impact. We will also start working toward Insurance Transparency. Our PAC dollars will be needed to increase our exposure to legislators. Please encourage your component members to donate to the KDPAC.

The KDA has become a "player" in state politics. We need contacts for all our legislators. Our goal is to have a KDA contact for every member. The Key Contact Program connects KDA members with Members of Congress to proactively drive the legislative process rather than responding to legislation after the fact. KDA Key Contacts influence the policy process at the state and federal levels by developing relationships with elected officials. By meeting and making contacts with your elected officials in several ways, you can achieve true conversations about issues important to the profession, and become a trusted advisor when bills are drafted or considered.

Chair
Samantha Shaver
Sec/Treasurer

**Darren Greenwell** 

Shea Cheavrant
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Garth Bobrowski
John Roy
Carson Keally
Bruce Wilson
Sean Aiken
Joe Morton
Jonathon Rich
Don Heine

Any member who wants to get involved in the Key Contacts program can. If you don't have a pre-existing relationship with a legislator, we can arrange a meeting to initiate contact. If you do have a pre-existing relationship, we will make note of it and reach out to you when contact with the legislator is needed.

Please reach out to members of your component to see if they have an existing relationship with their elected officials **OR** if they would like to develop one. Contact the KDA for more information.

#### 2024 Donors

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Respectfully submitted, Samantha Shaver, DMD – KDPAC Chair

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Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Samantha Shaver, Chairman

#### **Begin forwarded message:**

From: "Bickers, Erin L (CHFS DMS DFM)" <erin.bickers@ky.gov>
Date: April 29, 2025 at 8:23:06 AM CDT

To: "Bickers, Erin L (CHFS DMS DFM)" <erin.bickers@ky.gov>
Subject: Federal Rule Changes to the MAC and Creating the New BAC

Good morning! The Ensuring Access to Medicaid final rule made changes to 42 CFR 431.12, which governs Medicaid advisory committees. The rule takes effective on July 9, 2025.

Yesterday, DMS launched changes to the current Advisory Council on Medical Assistance in KRS 205.540 to become the new Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC), as well as to create the new Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC). Attached is an FAQ, which DMS will keep updated as we receive new questions.

Every current Advisory Council member was sent a letter, as was every nominating organization, indicating their specific situation as it relates to the transition to the new MAC. If a current Advisory Council member is in an unexpired term on July 9, they will be automatically appointed to the new MAC by Commissioner Lisa Lee. If a current Advisory Council member is in an expired term or if there is a vacancy on or before July 8, a new appointment will be necessary either by the appropriate association submitting nominations or by individuals applying to represent the consumer advocacy groups.

#### There are two new websites:

https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/bac.aspx https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/medicaidadvisory.aspx

More information including the new MAC and BAC applications and the FAQ may be found on the website.

We appreciate you sharing this information with your networks. We are actively recruiting members for the BAC, and to fill vacancies on the new MAC. Attached are two flyers to help us recruit BAC members that you may share.

For inquiries about the MAC, please send those to kymactac@ky.gov.

For inquiries about the BAC, please refer them to dms.bac@ky.gov or call 502-219-2170.

### Erin Bickers Erin Bickers | Federal Program Specialist Commonwealth of Kentucky **Cabinet for Health and Family Services Department for Medicaid Services** ' Cell (502)-892-8366

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From: Garth Bobrowski <whitnic2@msn.com> Sent: Saturday, April 5, 2025 12:35 AM To: todd@kyda.org; steve@kyda.org; janet@kyda.org; Darren Greenwell

<darrengreenwell@hotmail.com>

**Subject: Fwd: MAC Meeting Info and Reports** 

Please add this to MAC (Medicaid ) report for the KDA Executive Board. Garth

FYI and possible Action Items for your consideration:

1. Since I am officially not on the TAC anymore, the TAC voted Dr. B.J. Millay to be the new Chairman of the dental TAC. I'll help in anyway as we make this transition. BJ will need to prepare the TAC agendas about 2 weeks and get this to Erin Bickers at DMS and the TAC members. See below for her email address.

- 2. I don't know if you all, or the Executive Committee, or the Executive Board will want to make a change to replace me on the Monthly ZOOM calls with Com. Lee, since I am not on the TAC.
- 3. We learned some of the new rules for the new MAC/BAC GROUP developed by the Feds. at our last MAC MEETING ON 3/27/25: The Commissioner of Medicaid in each State will make the appointments to the MAC/BAC, instead of the Governor.

Each appointee will serve ONE term of 4 years, then has to be replaced. There was clarification made at our last MAC MEETING on the status of several MAC members, like me, who have already been on the current MAC past 4 years. Current MAC members can be replaced by the Commissioner or she can elect to keep those members on for a term of 4 years. It appears that DENTAL. will remain as one of the groups represented on the new MAC/BAC.

I sent several reports to Steve as the meeting was in progress. Garth

#### **Begin forwarded message:**

From: "Bickers, Erin L (CHFS DMS DFM)" <erin.bickers@ky.gov>
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Kelli M (CHFS DMS DFM)" <Kelli.Sheets@ky.gov>
Subject: MAC Meeting Info and Reports

Lots of information from today's meeting, have a great day!

### From the Chat:

Here's a new report from the Commonwealth Fund that has estimated what a cut of \$880B in Medicaid funds would mean for KY's GDP, tax revenue, and jobs: https://www.commonwealthfund.org/sites/default/files/2025-03/Ku impact medicaid snap cuts Tables.pdf

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Here are some one-pagers KVH has created about Medicaid benefits and potential cuts for KY:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1S8 FX5i9LZbLkoQQQJabmD1m3oR 7g6Y2

This is Ky Medicaid enrollment by congressional district, not in the report

https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-42/chapter-IV/subchapter-C/part-431/subpart-A/section-431.12

Kent

Here is a talking point doc I generated from the PDF on Medicaid Proposals. – Attached to email

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# <u>Families First -The information is currently posted on the Office of The</u> Secretary's website:

https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/os/Pages/default.aspx

Complete List of Conditions | Compassionate Allowances | SSA

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Medicaidunwinding.ky.gov

Medicaid Public Health Emergency Unwinding - KHBE

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Sharing the registration link for the monthly virtual forum: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrduioqTkjGtlrC94E1TvCmi-X31NGa3qZ">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrduioqTkjGtlrC94E1TvCmi-X31NGa3qZ</a>

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Possible Agenda Item - Education around SSI waiting period - How do members navigate / who can help- Loss of Waiver ( I think I grabbed it all)

Erin Bickers
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From: Garth Bobrowski < whitnic2@msn.com > Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 9:12:24 AM

To: janet@kyda.org <janet@kyda.org>

Subject: Fwd: Medicaid Rate Win in Kansas

I just got this info yesterday. Info for the Executive Board. Thanks, Garth

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ronnie Coleman < rcoleman@benevis.com>

**Date:** June 18, 2025 at 7:24:53 PM CDT

To: "Dr. Steve Robertson" < steve@kyda.org >, Libby Milligan < libby@mssgov.com >

Cc: Garth Bobrowski < whitnic2@msn.com > Subject: Medicaid Rate Win in Kansas

We won a rate increase in Kansas. Below is a comparison of the new rates to the old rates for our top 25 codes. I've attached the rates that will increase on July 1.

#### **Comparison Table**

Procedure Code	Procedure Code Description	Old KS Rate (\$)	New KS Rate (\$)	Change (\$)	Percentage Change (%)
D0120	Periodic Oral Exam	24.26	36.39	12.13	50.0%
D0145	Under Age 3 Exam	30.74	46.11	15.37	50.0%
D0150	Comprehensive Evaluation	33.20	49.80	16.60	50.0%
D0210	Complete Series X-ray	63.60	76.32	12.72	20.0%
D0220	Periapical 1st X-ray	13.74	16.49	2.75	20.0%
D0230	Periapical Additional X-rays	11.45	13.74	2.29	20.0%
D0272	Two Bitewings	23.11	27.73	4.62	20.0%
D0274	Four Bitewings	33.51	40.21	6.70	20.0%
D0330	Pano X-ray	60.42	72.50	12.08	20.0%
D1110	Prophylaxis - Age 13+	47.37	63.95	16.58	35.0%
D1120	Prophylaxis - Child	34.66	46.79	12.13	35.0%
D1206	Topical Fluoride Varnish	19.64	21.60	1.96	10.0%
D1208	Topical Fluoride	19.64	21.41	1.77	9.0%
D1351	Sealant Per Tooth	28.53	31.38	2.85	10.0%
D2391	One Surface Composite	80.14	96.17	16.03	20.0%
D2392	Two Surface Composite	85.86	103.03	17.17	20.0%

D2393	Three Surface Composite	91.58	109.90	18.32	20.0%
D2930	Stainless Steel Crown	129.60	142.56	12.96	10.0%
D2934	Esthetic Coated SSC	140.00	154.00	14.00	10.0%
D3220	Pulpotomy	64.80	71.28	6.48	10.0%
D7140	Simple Extraction	95.40	104.94	9.54	10.0%
D7210	Surgical Extraction	129.67	142.64	12.97	10.0%
D7240	Complex Surgical Extraction	175.00	192.50	17.50	10.0%
D9230	Nitrous Oxide	37.14	44.00	6.86	18.5%

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**TAC Report** 

**Meeting Date: 5/9/25** 

**Members of TAC present:** 

- 1. Dr. Robert Millay (Chairman)
- 2. Dr. Joe Petrey
- 3. Dr. Kaitlyn Patel
- 4. Dr. Carol Braun

#### **Unable to attend:**

1. Dr. Justin Kolosa

This was the first Dental TAC meeting without Dr. Garth Bobrowski. During our meeting on 2/7/25, Dr. Bobrowski formally resigned from the TAC. A new chair had to be elected. I, Dr. Robert Millay, was elected by the TAC Membership to be the new chair.

My first meeting as chair was very interesting. I had only attended one prior meeting with Dr. Bobrowski, and most people in attendance that were not the elected TAC members seemed to be conversational for the most part. I was hoping this would continue through to my first meeting since I would be new to most content learning as I go. Needless to say this was not the case.

**Topics requested to discuss included New Business:** 

- a. Medical Loss Ratio
- b. VAB (value-added-benefits) per year for members.
- c. Adding codes and payment for POC (Point of Care) testing. Adding codes and payment for placement of intra-socket dressing.
- d. Increasing administrative burden: cumbersome portals for filings and pre authorizations, chart requests, audits of files, credentialing process, revalidation process.
- e. Medicaid addressing findings presented in article in Courier Journal.
  - i. Aging out provider population for state in general
  - ii. Access to care
  - iii. Claims of adequate provider networks when 5 counties (possible up to 7 currently) don't have a dentist and Over 45% of providers are in two counties of Fayette and Jefferson (and higher if include the Lexington/Louisville/Covington Triangle, not mentioned in article.)
  - iv. Poor oral health and the direct link to overall costly medical conditions

#### f. Other:

There was very little productive conversation with most questions asked to gain clarity. One MCO did clarify the MLR was 90%. VAB for patients as well as payments to providers are all lumped in the 90% was confirmed. The state was helpful in providing a link to contracts to be evaluated if someone wants to read

them. When I did go to look, I did not note a direct contract between the state and avesis and dentaquest.

Some area of portals, especially avesis, and the cumbersome nature of the administrative burden created by the MCO's was discussed. The only response was they are working on it and have added some improvements. Which we did recognize and thank them.

My overall conclusion from this meeting was without specific direct questions or comments, you will never get an answer. This leaves us in quite difficult position on topics to address without your help.

Please feel free to reach out to any members of the TAC to give questions and direction to future meetings. Right now, we will need your support to help.

Included are the minutes from the 2/7/25 meeting for review if desired. 5/9/25 meeting minutes can be submitted once approved by quorum of TAC members.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. BJ Millay, Chairman

# REPORT NO. 11 MEMBERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE/NEW DENTIST COMMITTEE

#### **NO REPORT**

#### **MEMBERSHIP COUNT AS OF JULY 1, 2025**

	2023	2024	2025
Blue Grass Dental Society	222	179	155
Eastern Dental Society	21	20	18
KY Mountain Dental Society	32	31	31
Louisville Dental Society	366	291	252
Northern KY Dental Society	99	91	88
Green River Dental Society	45	40	33
Pennyrile Dental Society	54	52	46
Southeastern Dental Society	31	30	19
Purchase Dental Society	45	51	44
West Central Dental Society	32	29	30
South Central Dental Society	41	41	38
KY Student Dental Society:			
University of Kentucky	216	221	234
University of Louisville	454	461	454
TOTAL:	1658	1537	1442

Please Note: These figures indicate dues paying members only and do not include approximately 428 retired life members residing in Kentucky and other states. REPORT NO. 12

COMPONENT SOCIETY WORKGROUP - Dr. Samantha Shaver

#### **NO REPORT**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Samantha Shaver

REPORT NO. 13

NON-DUES REVENUE WORKGROUP - Dr. Matt Johnson

#### **NO REPORT**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Matt Johnson

# WELL-BEING WORKGROUP UPDATE 6/18/2025

Members: Dr.'s Steve Robertson (steve@kyda.org), Rachel Gold (rgolddmd@gmail.com), Stetson Earl (Stetson.d.earl.dmd@gmail.com), Kate von Lackum (kvonlack@gmail.com), Robert Baldau Sam Shaver (<a href="mailto:samsworld@aol.com">samsworld@aol.com</a>), Matt Milliner (<a href="mailto:msmilliner@gmail.com">msmilliner@gmail.com</a>).

ADA – State Well-Being Program Directory (see attached in e-mail). This State Well-Being Program Directory provides a list of state contacts to help connect you to support during your time of need.

#### **KENTUCKY**

#### **Kentucky Dental Association**

1920 Nelson Miller Parkway Louisville, KY 40223-2164 Phone: 502.489.9121

Web: www.kyda.org

# Kentucky Professional Recovery Network (KYPRN)

Staff Contact: Brian Fingerson, RPH, Founder

Phone: 502.262.9342 Email: <a href="mailto:kyprn@att.net">kyprn@att.net</a> Web: <a href="mailto:www.kyprn.com">www.kyprn.com</a>

Staff Contact: Emily Caporal, Director

Phone: 502.230.8442 Email: emily@kyprn.com

The Wellbeing Workgroup (WBW) met with Emily Caporal, director of KYPRN. Mrs. Caporal made a presentation reviewing the programs available for substance abuse disorder and mental health concerns. Licensees may contact her for support. The KY Board of Dentistry will refer providers in need to her, albeit most have been for substance abuse disorder (SAD). Colleagues can also request assistance for a provider that may present concerning risk factors or signs. She did state that any provider may contact her for referrals to therapists and medical intervention. She was in support of an Employee Assistance Program that licensed providers could utilize to address the mental health needs of our dental provider workforce.

### **Completed Action Items:**

### 1. AllOneHealth Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

The KDA now has a new specialist with AllOneHealth– Braedon Schaefer. I will coordinate a presentation from Braedon to our WBW on the financial quote

and services available through a KDA sponsored EAP for member dentists, their hygienists and team.

State dental associations utilizing AllOneHealth's EAP include: FL, NY, northwestern IN, Minnesota, MI, D.C., starting in Massachusetts next month.

\$0.25 a month, \$3 a year, per dentist. For covered dentists, everyone in their office covered, hygienist is covered under dentist. Original quote was for 2800 dentists in KY, closer to 1000 dentists in KDA, 4 sessions per issue, unlimited issues / concerns for the year. Braedon needs an accurate count on the number of dentists, workers, students we want to cover to offer an accurate EAP quote for the KDA.

Kate and Robert met on June 18, 2025 with Dean Okeson and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Dr. Emily Winfrey via ZOOM. Organized dentistry is welcome to come speak with students. We can coordinate any of the following via Dr. Emily Winfrey: An ASDA lunch and learn, ASDA after hours event, speaking with third- or fourth-year students in their practice management course. The UKCD undergraduate students (AKA dental students) are covered by Talk Space. The college has a contract with them for 24-7 counseling needs, remote therapy. UKCD has merged with UK Healthcare. Dental students have open access to the counseling center on UK's main campus. Dr. Winfrey can coordinate Trax for urgent crisis situations that is a program that creates a community of concern for a student with immediate mental health needs. The residents / post-grad students may not have coverage, however. Dr. Winfrey will report back to us if those students (presumably licensed dentists) would benefit from the KDA offering an EAP.

UKCD would like component members to reach out to new graduates particularly in rural areas of the state.

<u>Rachel</u> – Dean Dr. Margaret Hill at UL has a mental health professional employee at the dental school every day. She is interested in having their students covered with the KDA EAP so they have a different place to get help outside of the school setting.

Dean Hill states, currently their dental school has many more IEP and 504 accommodations for written exams mostly for students with ADD/ADHD and anxiety. A general theme has emerged in that today's dental students

don't have coping mechanisms for when things don't go right, when school or clinic work goes off the rails.

Google AI states: Both IEPs (Individualized Education Programs) and 504 plans are designed to support students with disabilities in school, but they differ in their legal basis, focus, and the types of services they provide. IEPs, under IDEA, focus on specialized instruction and related services, while 504 plans, under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, focus on providing accommodations to ensure equal access to education.

Rachel and Dean Hill discussed reigniting a lecture series by practicing dentists. Dr. Hill welcomed dentists from KDA and private practice dentists to speak with UL students. Dr. Gold, Dr. Earl and Dr. Robertson all requests classroom time. Practice management course at UL. Dr. Nessbaucher directs the fourth-year practice management course at UKCD now.

UL had three deaths in 2024/2025, one hit and run killed on a scooter. Two students died by suicide, one a mere two weeks prior to graduation. There was an action plan built around helping the student who died by suicide, and he was current on that action plan. Even in settings where help and resources are given, death by suicide and self-harm will still occur. We fight the good fight regardless of outcomes. We learn from what works and what doesn't in this ever evolving arena. At least we are in the arena talking about and working on mental health assistance.

<u>Sam</u> - researched the ADA well-being resource directory for other existing programs that we could tap into or from which we can learn.

I sent emails requesting information to contacts from the ADA's State Well-Being Directory in the following states; **CA**, **FL**, **IL**, **IN**, **KS**, **MA**, **MS**, **MO**, **AND TN**.

I spoke with Mary McCune from California. She admitted that they are having the same struggles as KY. They have a wellness committee devoted to substance abuse but nothing specifically for mental health issues. They are trying to develop one. They are also going to do some peer to peer training on resources for some of the more rural constituents. Teaching the resources; not teaching what exactly to say, not to be a counselor. They did look into an outside vendor, but it was cost prohibitive. They are encouraging the use of TalkSpace through the ADA. Dental Professionals Network. I told her I would stay in touch as KY continues its journey.

#### Tennessee, **David Tiner**.

#### Tennessee Dental Wellness Foundation

Contact: Dr. David Tiner, DDS, LMFT, Executive Director

Phone: 615.628.3200

Email: info@tndentalwellness.com Web: https://tndentalwellness.com

**Oregon** has a wellness tab, resources, on their ODA website. **Julie Spaniel** in Oregon, Wellness Program director.

I have a Zoom set up with **William Hamel**, **DDS** listed as the **IL contact**. Illinois is trying to develop a plan.

An excerpt from his email "I would be happy to help and have a phone conversation about your needs. I am on the board of the National Council of Dentist Health Programs. We are only about 2 years old and just now reaching out to states to find out the status of their dentist wellness programs and what we might do to help. We are supported by the ADA and are on a mission to help states do all they can to support dentist health and wellness. Most of us on the board are in recovery so our emphasis at first was substance use disorder. We are now including wellness and mental health support as well. I will be happy to tell you about Illinois and what we do as well as what other states are doing."

Zoom is Friday 3/21 at 8am.

I also received an email from **Alan Budd**, **DMD** the **MA** contact and set up a Zoom with him. Dr. Budd is the addiction program. They will launch AllOneHealth EAP program next month for their MDA members.

An excerpt from his email "Thank you for reaching out. As President of the National Council of Dentist Health Programs, I appreciate the work you're doing to strengthen Kentucky's Well-Being Program. I'd be happy to share insights from both my role with NCDHP and my experience here in Massachusetts. I am copying Bill Claytor, our board VP and director of North Carolina Caring Dentists Program to see if he can join."

Zoom is Tuesday 3/25 at 1 pm.

Steve – to reach out to the ADA. Felecia Bloom at the ADA (per Sam).

Next Well-being Workgroup (WBW) meeting: **tbd with Braedon's presentation.** 

### **ADA Resources**

Frequently, you may have questions that require the attention of staff with expertise in a variety of areas. Please contact our member service center at: 312.440.2500.

#### **ADA Wellness Website**

ADA.org/wellness

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Phone: Dial 988

Call or Text the Lifeline at 988, available 24/7

Web: https://988lifeline.org

#### **AA World Services**

Phone: 212.870.3400 Web: <u>www.aa.org</u>

#### AL-ANON

Phone: 888.425.2666 or 757.563.1600

Web: https://al-anon.org

### American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry

Phone: 401.524.3076 Web: <u>www.aaap.org</u>

# American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Phone: 888.333.2377 Web: https://afsp.org

# Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Public Inquiries: 800.232.4636 Web:

https://www.cdc.gov/

#### Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation

Email: info@drbreenheroes.org Web: https://drlornabreen.org/

### Federation of State Physician Health Programs

Phone: 978.347.0600 Web: www.fsphp.org

### Hope for the Day

Web: www.hftd.org

### International Doctors in Alcoholics Anonymous

Web: https://www.idaa.org/

# National Association for Children of Addiction

Phone: 301.468.0985 Web: www.nacoa.org

# National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI)

Phone: 800.950.6264 Web: www.nami.org

### National Council of Dentist Health Programs

Email: info@ncdhp.org
Web: www.ncdhp.org

# National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Email: <u>AskNIAAA@NIH.gov</u> Phone: 301.443.3860

Web: https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/

# Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Phone: 800.662.4357

Web: www.findtreatment.gov

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kate von Lackum

# Providers Clinical Support System (PCSS)

Phone: 855.227.2776 Web: https://pcssnow.org