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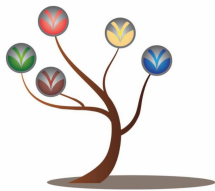
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Navigator Resources



Virginia-specific dental resources for navigators and others helping consumers enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace are now available on the Coalition's website.

[Click here](#) to view the resources, which include a 1-hour **webinar*** and **fact sheets** on adult and pediatric dental coverage options.

**Webinar made possible with a generous grant from the Northern Virginia Health Foundation and partnership support from Children's Dental Health Project.*

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Comprehensive Dental Benefits for Pregnant Women Enrolled in Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS

Take a moment to ask conference committee members to include dental benefits for pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid in the final budget.

The Virginia Senate budget includes funds to provide comprehensive dental benefits for the 15,000 pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS; the House budget does not. Now, the fate of the funding lies in the General Assembly's conference committee - a selected group Senate and House members who are bringing both sides together to create a compromise budget that will be voted on by the entire legislature.



[Click here for conference committee members' contact info.](#)

Providing comprehensive dental benefits to the 15,000 pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS can:

- Reduce the prevalence of preterm birth among women with periodontal disease
- Cut-down on emergency dental expenditures
- Limit the transmission of decay between moms and their babies

If you have questions about this issue or how to contact to contact a committee member, please contact Sarah Bedard Holland at 804.269.8721 or sholland@vaoralhealth.org.

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Free CE Training

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Dental Care Approaches for Adults with Disabilities



The Coalition will offer a free, two-day CE training in Richmond on March 21-22 for dentists who are interested in learning techniques to care for patients with special needs. This training is made possible with grant funding from the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities.

[Click here to register](#) or view more info.

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Please take a moment to support the Coalition's work.

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Please check with your HR department to find out if your gift can be matched.

[Oral health and overall health](#) are fundamentally intertwined. The following links present current information on how oral health is connected to overall health and well-being.



- [Early Detection of Diabetes in Dental Setting](#)
- [Effective Communication with Seniors](#)
- [Omega-3 and Oral Health](#)

ADA Statement - Action for Dental Health: Bringing Disease Prevention into Communities

The ADA recently released the statement *Action for Dental Health: Bringing Disease Prevention into Communities* that outlines collaborative, preventive measures that can be initiated in localities to improve access to dental care.

[Read the full statement](#)

Upcoming Events

- **E-learning Opportunity (Spring 2014): Cultural Competency Program for Oral Health Professionals**, a CE program from the Center for Linguistic and Cultural Competence in Health Care. [View more information](#) and register to receive the program info when it launches later this Spring.
- **March 11: Virginia Health Care Foundation's (VHCF) Tooth Talk Roundtable** in Richmond. [Click here to register](#) and [learn more about VHCF's Tooth Talk](#).
- **March 13: Oral Health Day**, a patient care day hosted by [The Daily Planet](#) in Richmond. [View event information](#).
- **March 21: Providing Oral Health Services to Medicaid Long Term Care Residents**, a free CE program hosted by Lucy Corr Village in Chesterfield. [View event homepage](#) to register.

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