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The Coalition is Moving Feb. 1!

**New Address:
4200 Innslake Drive
Suite 103
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Effective February 1, the Coalition is moving to a new office space in Richmond's West End. Please update your records with our new address (above).

If you need to contact us during the transition, send us a message at info@vaoralhealth.org or visit our [website](#) for up-to-date information.

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Register for Legislative Day

**Wednesday,
January 30, 2013**

January 2013 Bulletin

Join Us on January 30 to Protect Oral Health Access in Virginia



Join us for Legislative Day on Wednesday, January 30 to ask legislators to improve oral health access in Virginia. Let your voice be heard as we advocate to **fund dental care** for 16,000 children and **extend coverage** for emergency dental extractions to nearly 250,000 working adults.

Register Now

The oral health of Virginia's most vulnerable was compromised after funding to state-supported dental clinics was not restored in the second year of the executive budget. The Coalition supports budget amendments [296 #2h](#) (Del. O'Bannon) and [296 #1s](#) (Sen. Hanger) to restore funding to these clinics through FY2014 in order to implement a targeted transition plan that will focus on preventative, cost-saving care.

The Commonwealth also has the unprecedented opportunity to extend coverage for emergency dental extractions to nearly 250,000 uninsured Virginians, which will cut down on unnecessary hospital costs and greatly improve health outcomes. The Coalition supports budget amendments [307 #8h](#) (Del. O'Bannon) and [307 #38s](#) (Sen. Hanger) to expand insurance coverage to uninsured Virginians in working families.

Legislative Day is free and open to all, and the Coalition will provide talking points, breakfast and lunch. If you have any questions, please contact us at info@vaoralhealth.org.

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Remind Virginia policy-makers that, when individuals don't have access to oral health services, it harms their health and Virginia's economy.

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[Read about the Coalition's accomplishments.](#)

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

Oral Health and Overall Health

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



- [Oral health habits and dementia](#)
- [Periodontis and diabetes link](#)
- [Periodontal treatment and lower risk of preterm birth](#)

ADA Review on Midlevel Providers

An ADA literature [review](#) on irreversible procedures done by midlevels providers (MLPs) [finds insufficient evidence](#) to compare their effectiveness with that of dentists. Other organizations, like AAPHD, found [additional conclusions](#) from the study to support MLPs.



Virginia Earns a "C" on School-Based Dental Sealant Program



Virginia earned a "C" in a recent report from the Pew Center on the States that graded each state on its school-based sealant program. While Virginia earned points for its success in expanding dental hygienists' scope of work in public health programs, it lost points for not having a sealant program in more than 75% of high-need schools.

[Read the full report](#) and [watch this video](#) on Virginia's sealant program.

VCU to Host Emswiler Interprofessional Symposium - March 9



Virginia Commonwealth University is set to host its first annual Emswiler Interprofessional (IP) Symposium on Saturday, March 9, 2013, in Richmond to discuss the future of the IP practice environment. Several expert speakers in dentistry - Drs. John Luther and Bud Conklin - will present, among others. CE credit and student rates available.

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