



PATHWAYS TO  
**ORAL HEALTH**

— A PROJECT OF ORAL HEALTH KANSAS —

# Oral Health for Individuals w/ IDD

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# Confidence in Every Smile



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## Confidence in Every Smile

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# Brushing the Teeth of Others

Help caregivers build confidence and compassion.

This training video shows practical ways to make brushing someone else's teeth easier, safer, and more comfortable—while supporting dignity and better oral health. Perfect for trainers teaching caregivers who support people with disabilities.





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# Feeling Good About Your Smile



## Hands-on Activities

- Acid attack experiment
- Choosing healthy snacks
- Finding food and germs
- Applying the right amount of toothpaste
- Brushing their teeth

# ACCESSIBLE ORAL HEALTH 2025 ECHO:

## BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN DENTAL TEAMS TO SERVE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- This series will include 5 courses on Thursdays, beginning September 4 through October 2, 2025.
- All courses will be held via Zoom Noon – 1:00 PM CST.



Register Here:

[bit.ly/AccessibleOralHealth2025ECHO](https://bit.ly/AccessibleOralHealth2025ECHO)





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# MYDENTALCARE PASSPORT

— GUIDING EVERY VISIT —

## BETTER VISITS START HERE

My Dental Care Passport shares needs before the visit begins.

[Download Your Passport →](#)



# MY DENTAL CARE PASSPORT



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Scan the QR Code to learn more.

## ABOUT ME

**My name is:**

I like to be called:

**My preferred pronoun is:**

He  She  They  Not listed

**I am my own guardian.**

Yes  No

**Please check the box that applies:**

- I completed this form myself.  
 I completed this form with help from someone else.

**This is the best person to contact for more information about me:**

Name:

Phone:

Email:

**What type of disability do I have:**

Please write all disabilities below.



## COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOR

**Ways that I prefer to communicate with people:**

Please check all that apply.

- Talk to me directly, even if I bring someone with me.  
 Use plain language.  
 Give me time to process the questions.  
 I have a speech impairment and can be difficult to understand.  
 It takes time to form my words so please be patient.  
 I am non-speaking, but I am communicating with you in other ways.  
 Other:

**I communicate using:**

For example: speech, preferred language, sign language, communication devices or aids, pictures, non-speaking sounds. Please state if extra time or support is needed.



## SENSITIVITIES

There are some things at the dental office that cannot be taken away. However, there are things that you and the dental office can do to help make your dental visit more relaxing. Please add any information about what makes you feel upset or relaxed at the dental office below.

**These are some things that can upset me:**

Please check all that apply. Please describe your needs.

- Smell:   
For example: dental office, perfume.  
 Sounds:   
For example: phone, music.  
 Sight:



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**TIPS FOR PASSPORT USERS, FAMILIES & CAREGIVERS**

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**WHAT IS IT?**

- My Dental Care Passport, also known as The Passport, allows you to tell dental teams about yourself before you enter the office. The Passport will give prompts on topics like past dental visits, communication, likes, dislikes, how you move, and so on.

**WHO CAN USE IT?**

- It was created for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Passport can be used by both children and adults who face challenges when visiting the dentist.

**WHY WOULD YOU USE IT?**

- It is critical to visit the dentist to make sure your teeth and mouth are healthy. Dental teams who know you well can make your next trip to the office as successful as possible.

**WHEN DO YOU USE IT?**

- Once you complete the My Dental Care Passport, it is unique to you most useful to complete it BEFORE most of your appointment. Email it to your dental office so the team has time to learn about you and make any necessary adjustments to add your Passport to your record.

**HOW DO YOU USE THE DENTAL CARE PASSPORT?**

- Only complete areas you are comfortable sharing with the dental team. It will be shared with anyone without your permission.
- Complete The Passport before your appointment.
- You may need help from a family member or caregiver to complete the Passport.

My Dental Care Passport, also known as The Passport, is designed to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities voice their individual needs.

**USE OF THE PASSPORT CAN:**

- Improve the dental team-patient relationship
- Allow you to best prepare for an appointment before an individual enters the office
- Save time and resources
- Increase the chance of a successful visit

**DO NOT SHARE WITHOUT PATIENT CONSENT**

My Dental Care Passport is unique to the patient and contains personal information and experiences. **It's not to be shared** with anyone outside of your dental office team, including other healthcare professionals, without the patient's permission.

**HOW DO YOU USE 'MY DENTAL CARE PASSPORT'?**

- Share The Passport with patients before their first appointment via email or mail. Select a method that suits your office and the patient. Advise the patient, family or caregiver to complete and return the document to your office BEFORE the day of their appointment.
- All members of the staff who will interact with the patient should read the document before the appointment day arrives.
- Discuss the appointment as a team, develop a plan, and make any necessary adjustments to the office environment able to be made.
- When the patient arrives, review The Passport together and attach the document to patient records.
- Review patient's 'My Dental Care Passport' before the next visit.

AVAILABLE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH AT:  
[WWW.PATHWAYSTOORALHEALTH.COM/MY-DENTAL-CARE-PASSPORT/](http://WWW.PATHWAYSTOORALHEALTH.COM/MY-DENTAL-CARE-PASSPORT/)

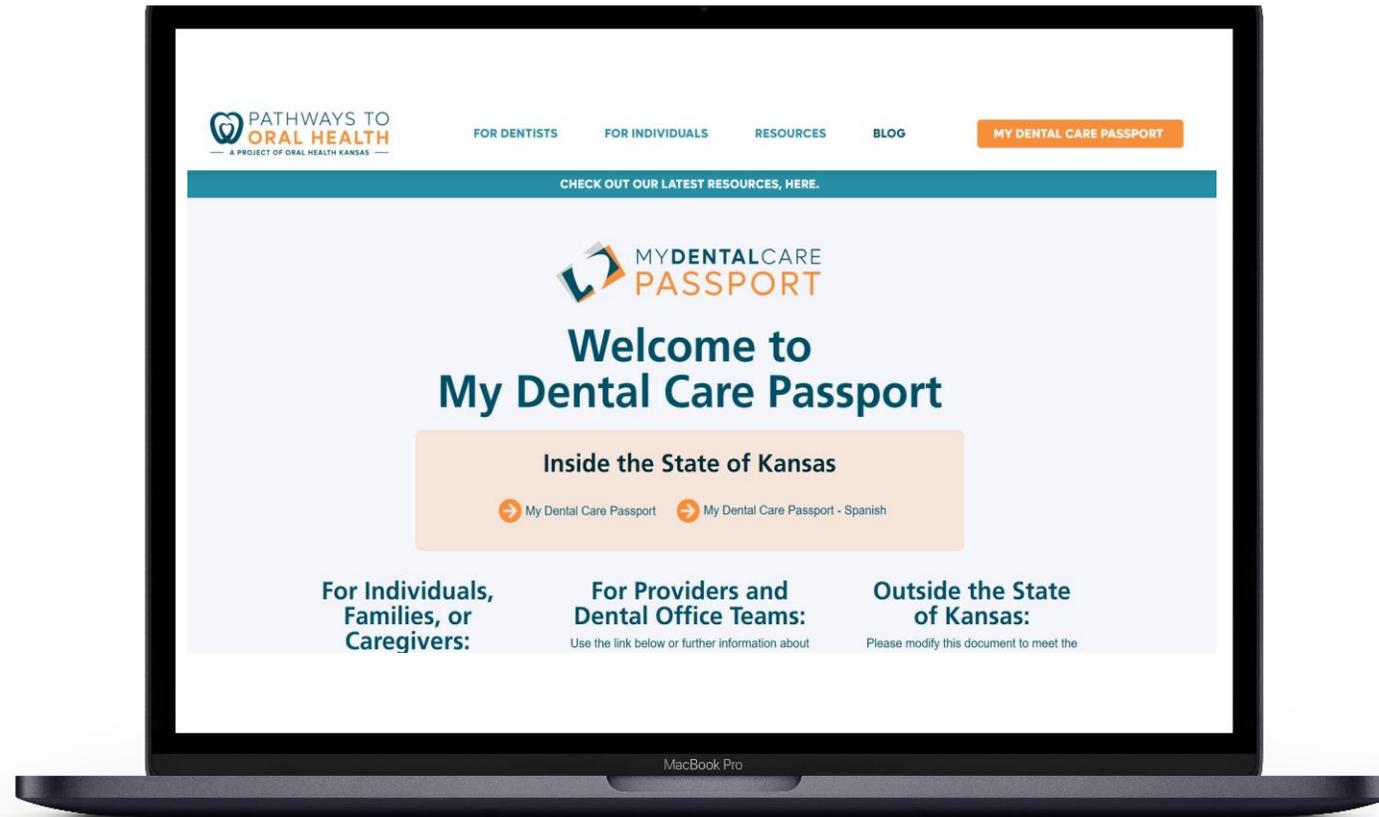
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Join Medicaid and help more Kansans with disabilities smile with confidence.

Change a Life Today



# KANSAS INCREASED MEDICAID RATES

Offering Medicaid to your patients is easier than ever.

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**QUESTIONS? PROBLEMS?**

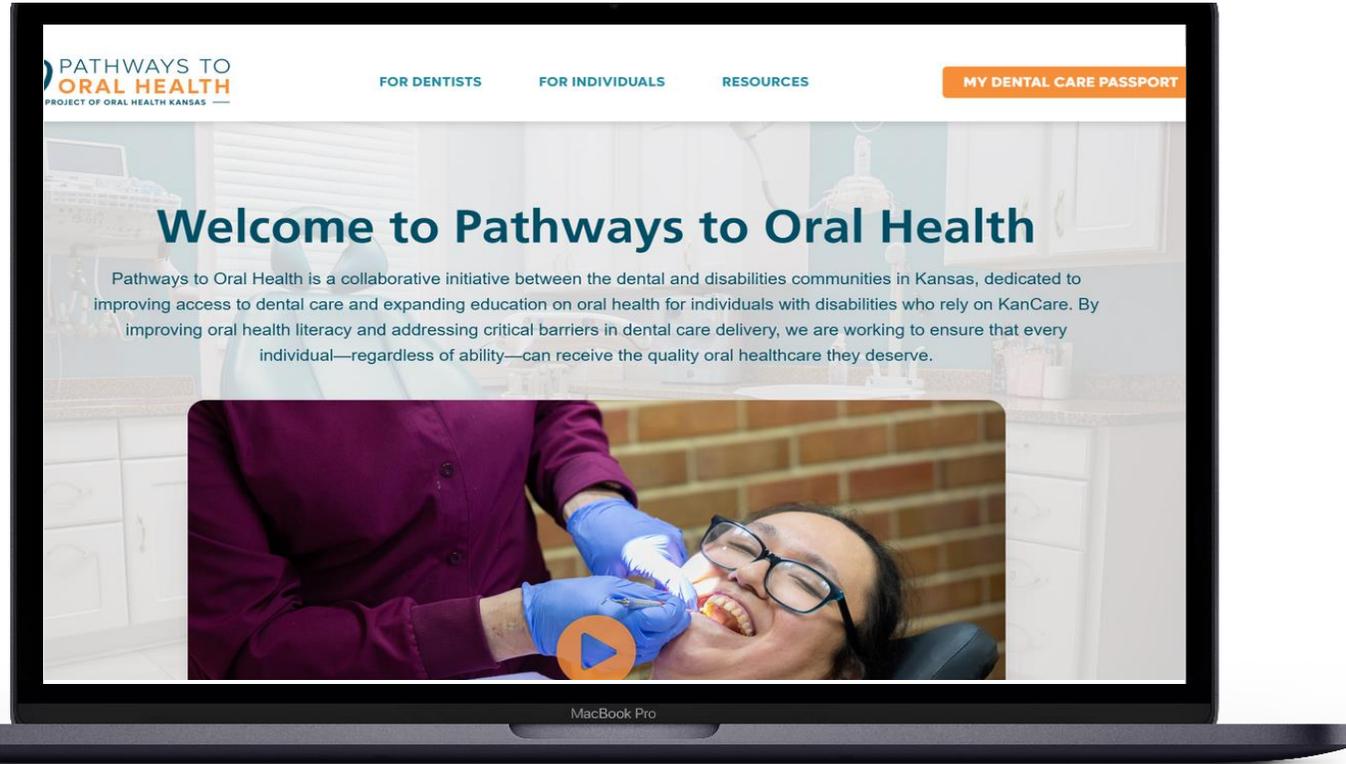
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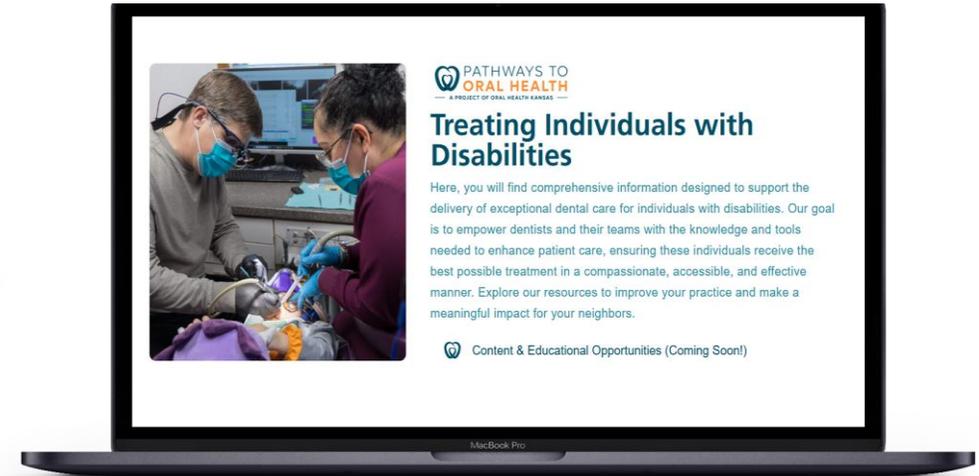
Our Dental Medicaid Facilitator team is here to help dentists become Kansas Medicaid providers. With 120 years of shared experience, we are available to offer real, hands-on support – no chatbots, just real people ready to assist you. Whether you're new to Medicaid or expanding your practice, our team is here to help make the process as smooth as possible.

**CONTACT OUR DENTAL MEDICAID FACILITATOR TEAM:**

# Pathways to Oral Health Website



[www.pathwaystooralhealth.org](http://www.pathwaystooralhealth.org)





**Thank You!**

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