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Commissioner praises oral health program

Topeka, KS—Ken Selzer, CPA, Kansas Commissioner of Insurance, is commending the United Way of the Plains and Delta Dental of Kansas for their collaboration in a new oral health program for Kansans who need affordable dental care.

The program, begun in the Wichita area in October 2017, uses United Way charitable contributions from Delta Dental to provide up to two years of dental insurance coverage for eligible individuals. The coverage provides up to \$3,000 in dental benefits per person through Delta Dental claims processing.

“Currently, there are 179 eligible Kansans who are participating in the program for dental care with little out of pocket costs,” Commissioner Selzer said. “They are receiving care they might normally not be able to afford. This is a great example of a public-private partnership to fill a void in needed services that will result in a healthier Kansas.”

Delta Dental of Kansas’ CEO, Michael Herbert, wanted to develop a program to assist Kansans with their dental needs. He met with Commissioner Selzer to share his idea and the possibility of partnering with United Way of the Plains to administer the program.

United Way of the Plains was selected as the partner agency, Herbert said, because the organization has the infrastructure and ability to manage the vetting process for individuals applying for coverage. It took about a year of discussions before the program was launched.

United Way of the Plains determines the eligibility requirements and they manage vetting individuals for eligibility. In order to be eligible, individuals must have a relationship with a United Way of the Plains funded agency.

“We’re very proud to support this program to help improve the oral health of fellow Kansans,” said Delta Dental’s Herbert.

Persons interested in learning more about the program can contact United Way of the Plains at 316-267-1321.

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