

Expansion of Integration of Oral Health in Physician's Office

Lynn Martin, LMSW
QTIP Project Director



Stephen Boucher
Director of Operations
Health Programs

SCDHHS
January 27, 2018

Disclosures

Lynn Martin, LMSW and Stephen Boucher

- We have no relevant financial relationship with the manufactures(s) of any commercial product(s).
- We do not intend to discuss an unapproved/ investigative use of a commercial product/device in our presentation.





Overview


QTIP Project

Data Review

Moving Forward



But First.....



WHY:

- Dental Caries is an ambiguous, chronic, infectious, destructive and transmissible disease
- It is the most common chronic disease among children
- **However, it is a preventable disease!!**
- Poor oral health impacts child's overall health
- It also affects child's speech; developmental milestones; nutrition; self esteem and school readiness

WHY YOU:

- Physician's office is where children are first and most frequently seen
- Most of the anticipatory guidance topics can be linked with oral health education

History - Why QTIP and oral health

Core measure from CHIPRA grant


The total number of children age 1 – 20 years who are eligible for Medicaid and/or CHIP and enrolled who received preventative dental services.

Original Anticipatory Guidance/Areas of focus (2011-2015):

- a. Perform and document an oral health risk assessment*
- b. Refer patient to a dental home
- c. Apply fluoride varnish to high risk patients*
- d. Discuss fluoride in family's drinking water source

* 12-36 months

- Introduced July 2011 Learning Collaborative
 - Overview of Caries
 - Oral Health Risk Assessments
 - Bright Future Recommendations
 - Water fluoridation



History ... Continued

Policy Evolution

2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedure code D1206; Fee \$15.89 • FQHC bundled (T1015) • Allowed during Well visits • Certification required • Frequency 1 every 6 months • Age 0-36 months
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedure code changing 99188; Fee \$15.89 • FQHC bundled (T1015) • Well visits & Sick visits • Certification required • Frequency 1 every 6 months • Age 0-12 years old
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All policies remained unchanged • Fee \$16.20 (as of 7/1/2017)

Provider Training & Certification

SCDHHS recognizes the following oral health trainings and resources for Certification of medical providers:

- The *Bright Futures* curriculum and Bright Smiles Oral Health Modules developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP); OR
- *Connecting Smiles* training developed by SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) in collaboration with SCDHHS
- *Oral Health tools and resources* developed by:
 - American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
 - American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD);
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC);
 - Maternal and Child Health Resource Center at Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA)
- *Oral Health Provider Toolkit* developed by DHEC specific for SC providers
- QTIP has developed an Oral Health Integration Training using excerpts from the *Smiles for Life*. This training is located on the QTIP website.

History ... Continued

➤ Practice Interventions

- ✓ Lists of Dentists by county
- ✓ EMR templates and screening tools
- ✓ Education materials for patients
- ✓ Staff education on anticipatory guidance
- ✓ Hosted a "Dental Summit"
- ✓ DHEC oral health posters in exam rooms
- ✓ Investigated local fluoride levels
- ✓ Replaced candy with stickers
- ✓ Also used data and charted outcomes as a PCMH preventative measure

Communicate your successes and challenges

QTIP Says

History ... continued

➤ Lessons Learned

QTIP's Oral Health Initiative 2016 Research Study

...challenges to preventive oral health integration ...

- Physician buy-in
- Addressing multiple health topics during visit
- Communication

...what is needed to integrate preventive oral health ...

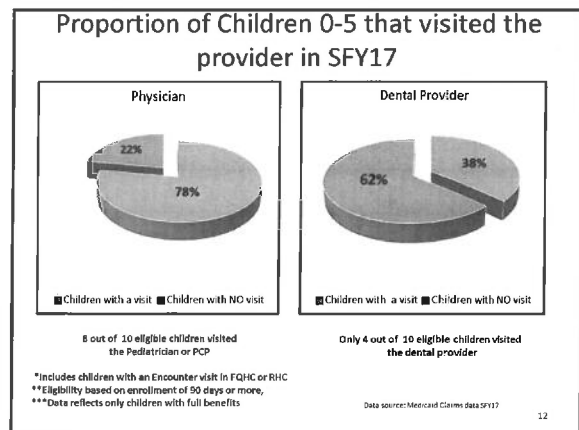
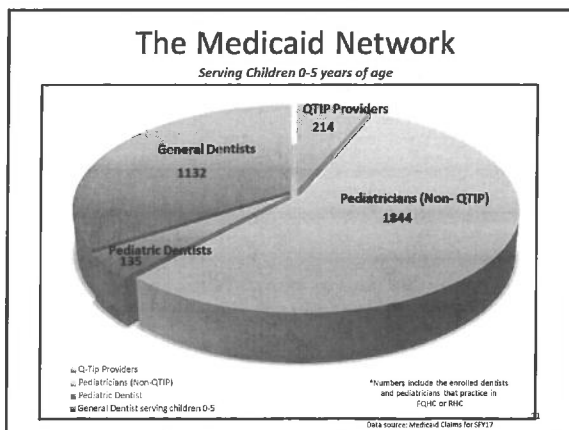
- Fluoride varnish training
- Reimbursement
- Practice infrastructure

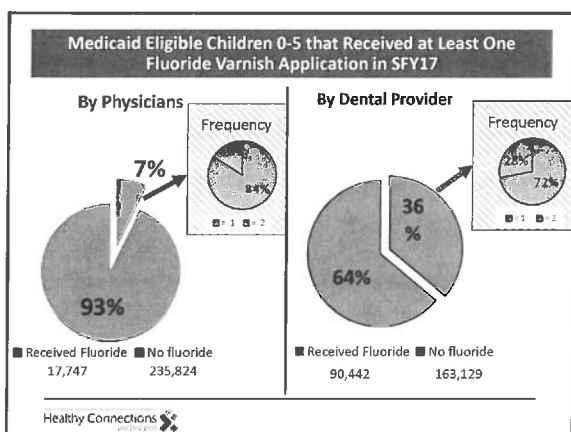
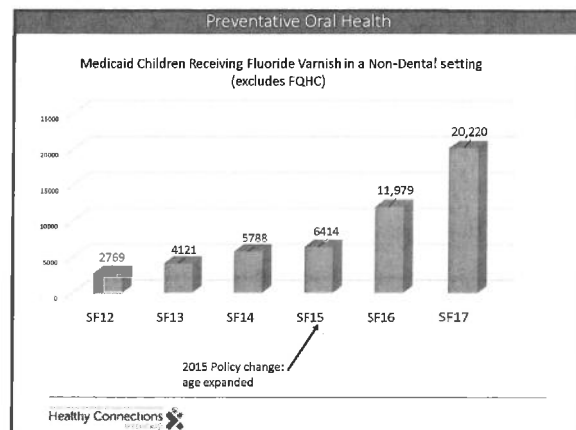
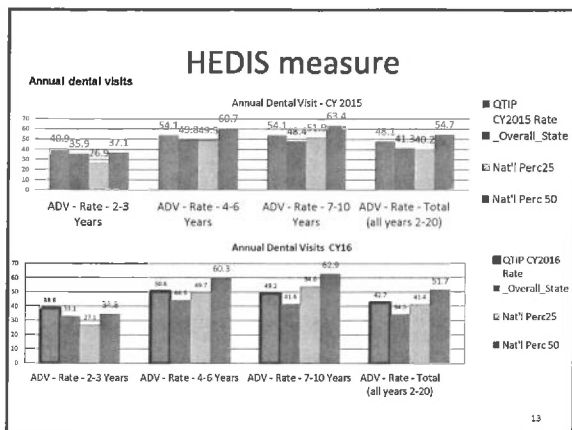
... other practice needs ...

- Educational resources for patients/parents
- Referral network

feedback: ratings, input, replies, answers, comments, options, reviews, surveys, evaluations

OK...Show Me the Numbers!!!





SCDHHS GOAL

- **Increase Access and Utilization of Oral Health Services delivered in Physician's Office**
 - ✓ Policy
 - ✓ Integration of Oral Health in the medical setting
 - ✓ Statewide expansion approach

According to CMS-Oral Health services are services performed by qualified health care professionals that are neither a dentist nor supervised by a dentist.

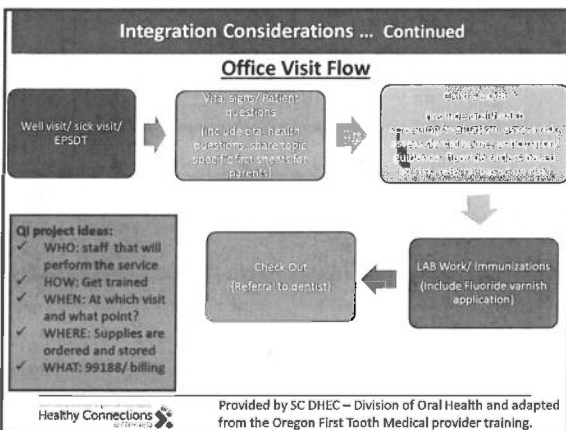
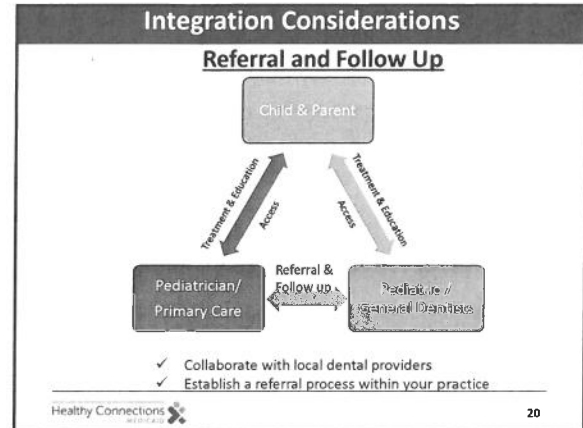
SCDHHS New Policy

- **Policy update for Physician Services (est. for 4/1/2018)**
 - ✓ Expand coverage by removing the age 12 limitation. All children ages 0-21 years (from the eruption of first tooth) can receive Fluoride varnish during well visits or sick visits
 - ✓ Increase frequency for FL varnish application specially for early childhood. Ages 0 through 6 may receive a maximum of 4 applications per year; ages 7-21 may receive 1 application per year.
 - ✓ Integrate oral screening during each EPSDT/well checkup visit
 - ✓ Integrate oral health education during Anticipatory Guidance
- **Reimbursement (effective 7/1/2017 fee for 99188 is \$16.20)**

Physicians Preventive Pediatric Health Care Services																													
Oral Health Section		INFANCY							EARLY CHILDHOOD							MIDDLE CHILDHOOD							ADOLESCENCE						
Age		6-12M	12-18M	18-24M	24-30M	30-36M	36-42M	42-48M	48-54M	54-60M	60-66M	66-72M	72-78M	78-84M	84-90M	90-96M	96-102M	102-108M	108-114M	114-120M	120-126M	126-132M	132-138M	138-144M	144-150M	150-156M	156-162M	162-168M	168-174M
Oral screening and referral		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fluoride Varnish		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fluoride Supplement		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Anticavity Sealant		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

* to be performed * assessing risk — range during which a service may be performed

1. Perform an oral screening of child's gums and teeth at each EPSDT visit, assess whether child has a decay, home and the risk for tooth decay/ dental diseases starting at 6 months of age or at the eruption of first teeth, whichever is earlier. Proper referral for treatment and follow up must occur for all children based on the findings of the oral screening. At each visit, refer all children for routine care, preventive services and expansion of the eruption of first tooth and no later than 12 months of age to insure establishment of a dental home.
2. Child may receive fluoride varnish during a well visit or sick visit starting at the eruption of first teeth through the month of the 11th birthday. Children ages 0 through 6 (up to the month of the 7th birthday) may receive a maximum of four (4) applications per year and children ages 7-11 may receive one application of fluoride varnish per year.
3. If primary water source is deficient in fluoride and child does not have a dental home consider oral fluoride supplementation. To check on the levels of water fluoride by each Community Water System go to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/FAQ/FAQ_FluorideSupplementation_Schedule.html For the appropriate dosage of fluoride supplements refer to American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Dental Fluoride Supplementation Schedule at <http://www.aapd.org/clinical/fluoride-supplements>
4. At each visit provide anticipatory guidance focusing on child's risk factors identified during the oral screening/evaluation. The anticipatory guidance should include but not limited to: Oral Hygiene Education, Nutritional counseling, Non-nutritive habits, drinking water source, dental injury prevention, substance abuse counseling.



Provider Information

- Workshop/training**
Francis Rushton, MD will lead a concurrent session Saturday, January 27th from 11:45 – 12:30. By attending this session, you will receive training/certification to enable you to bill Medicaid for the Fluoride Varnishing you apply.
- ABP MOC Part IV Credit**
Physicians can earn credit for documented QI work on Preventative Oral Health. These MOC credits are offered by SC AAP. For MOC criteria and approval of attestation statements, please contact Francis Rushton, MD.

Healthy Connections

QTIP Project Director:
Lynn Martin, LMSW
 803-898-0093
martiny@scdhhs.gov

Steve Boucher-SCDHHS
 Director of Operations – Health Programs
 803-898-2938
Stephen.boucher@scdhhs.gov

Gerta Ayers
 Oral Health Policy
 803-898-1427
Hekingerta.ayers@scdhhs.gov

Healthy Connections