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**FROM THE DESK OF THE
STATE DENTAL HEALTH OFFICER**

The Oral Health Program has entered into an exciting new phase in the continued evolution of the office. While one of our most challenging periods, this quarter has been marked by definitive transitions. Chief amongst these changes is the relocation of the program from Carson City to 3811 W. Charleston Blvd. Suite 205, Las Vegas, Nevada. The physical toll of packing and shipping the office has fallen to Ms. White as she is currently the only remaining Oral Health Program staff in Northern Nevada. The Oral Health Program is grateful for Ms. White's tireless efforts to perform these duties that while programatically necessary fall outside of her job description. Furthermore, we are appreciative of the support from the Division and encouragement from our community partners during this period of growth.

In addition to the relocation of the Oral Health office, Ms. White and I have continued progress on previously approved activities and interdepartmental grants. This has been difficult without support staff or a Program Manager. However, we are learning a level of patience that is necessary to implement changes we can be proud of, and the job descriptions for both an Administrative Assistant and Program Manager have been written and approved. Soon, we will be interviewing applicants to fill the Program Manager position.

Due to my maternity leave, I am unable to be present at the September Advisory Committee for Oral Health meeting, but would like to welcome our new committee members. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with each of you as we work towards improving oral health in Nevada.

In the spirit of informational transparency, I would like to present our latest projects and update you on our progress.

Attachments

- Annual Activity Report
 - September marks the first anniversary of the State Dental Health Officer and State Public Health Dental Hygienist positions. This report highlights our activities over the last year. The final section of the report is a table of progress which lists each priority area, the project lead, and the current status of the project. Many projects have been completed or the project goals have been met, while others are continuous and will be ongoing during the life of the program, and still others are evolving and require additional development. This report may be best viewed if printed and folded as a brochure.
- Nassir Notes
 - Report highlights the work being done by school-based sealant delivery programs throughout the state. The caseload history of Community Health Alliance, Seal Nevada South, and Future Smiles were included in this report.

- DHHS Fact Sheet
 - An annual report is submitted on behalf of each department within the Division. The 2016-2017 Oral Health Program progress report was included.
- Policy for Urgent Dental Issues Identified During Community Screening
 - Statewide policy was written to guide professionals when conducting an oral health screening. This is a draft version of the policy. Comments and suggestions are welcomed. Upon administrative approval of the final policy document, a separate flowchart will be created to illustrate protocol implementation. This policy and flowchart will be made available on the Oral Health Program website.
- Proposal to Extend Periodontal Benefits to Adults with Diabetes
 - Submitted to the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy. Due to budgetary restrictions, this proposal cannot be executed this fiscal year. However, Dr. Capurro is exploring implementation of this type of oral health service within the value-added services provided by the medical managed care organizations within the state.

2016-2017 Head Start Basic Screening Survey

Ms. White will provide an update on the progress of the Head Start BSS project.

Joint Projects with Medicaid Office

We welcome Mr. Jack Zenteno who will be assuming oversight of the Policy Development and Program Management-Dental Program responsibilities.

- Coverage, Limitations, and Prior Authorization Requirements for the Nevada Medicaid and Nevada Check Up Dental Program Update
 - CDT codes of interest listed below

Code	Short Description and Coverage	Service for Persons Up to Age 21	Pregnancy-Related Service	Service for Persons Age 21 Years and Older	Service Limits
D1351	DENTAL SEALANT PER TOOTH	00	NC	NC	Once in a lifetime
D1352	PREVENTIVE RESIN RESTORATION IN A MODERATE TO HIGH CARIES RISK PATIENT - PERMANENT TOOTH	00	NC	NC	Once in a lifetime per tooth
D1353	SEALANT REPAIR - PER TOOTH	00	NC	NC	Once in a lifetime per tooth
D1354	INTERIM CARIES ARRESTING MEDICAMENT APPLICATION - SILVER DIAMIDE FLUORIDE APPLICATION	00	NC	NC	1 service unit per 6 months per tooth
D1510	SPACE MAINTAINER FXD UNILAT	00	NC	NC	4 units any provider and 2 units per 12 months
D1515	FIXED BILAT SPACE MAINTAINER	00	NC	NC	4 units any provider and 2 units per 12 months
D1520	REMOVE UNILAT SPACE MAINTAIN	00	NC	NC	4 units any provider and 2 units per 12 months
D1525	REMOVE BILAT SPACE MAINTAIN	00	NC	NC	4 units any provider and 2 units per 12 months
D1550	RECEMENT SPACE MAINTAINER	00	NC	NC	2 units per lifetime
D1555	REMOVE FIX SPACE MAINTAINER	00	NC	NC	1 unit per lifetime
D1575	DISTAL SHOE SPACE MAINTAINER - FIXED - UNILATERAL	00	NC	NC	4 units any provider and 2 units per 12 months

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D9991	DENTAL CASE MANAGEMENT - ADDRESSING APPOINTMENT COMPLIANCE BARRIERS	00	00	00	1 unit per 6 months
D9992	DENTAL CASE MANAGEMENT - CARE COORDINATION	00	00	00	1 unit per 6 months
D9993	DENTAL CASE MANAGEMENT - MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING	00	00	00	1 unit per 6 months
D9994	DENTAL CASE MANAGEMENT - PATIENT EDUCATION TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH LITERACY	00	00	00	1 unit per 6 months

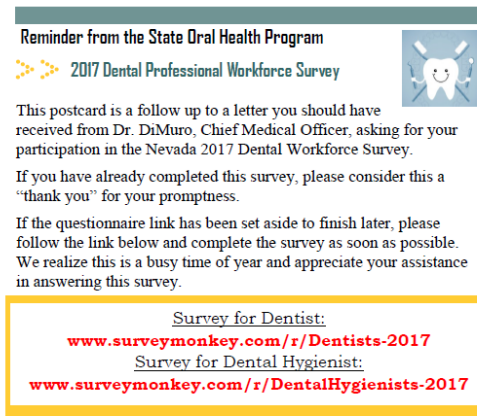
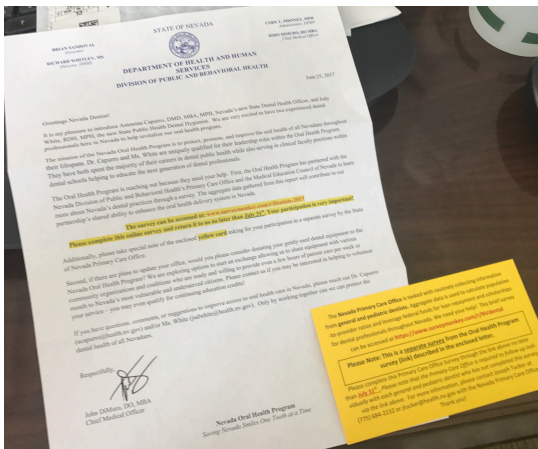
- State Oral Health Leadership Institute
 - Dr. Capurro and Mr. Zenteno have the support of their respective departments to attend the 12-month professional development program. The Institute will not only provide direction for Medicaid and oral health teams to develop stronger collaborative relationships, but will

also assist the teams in producing a joint oral health transformational state project. The Institute will begin October 2017.

- Research on Orthodontic Claims Data
 - Nevada was selected to participate in a research project being conducted by Dr. Greg Oppenhuizen of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) in conjunction with the Angle Society-Midwest and the University of Detroit/Mercy. This is a unique opportunity to be part of a research study that may solidify or alter the AAO Committee on Medically Necessary Orthodontic Care's decision. In addition, participation allows Medicaid to assure providers that Nevada is associated with an investigation to determine the necessity of auto-qualifiers and whether the criteria is onerous to access to orthodontic care for medically necessary patient cases. Several Nevada cases are currently under review by the research committee.

Dental Workforce Survey for 2017

The Oral Health Program has collaborated with the DPBH Primary Care Office, UNLV School of Dental Medicine's Special Care Dental Clinic, and the Medical Education Council of Nevada to design a workforce survey that was distributed to licensed dentists and hygienists in the state. A letter of introduction with the survey link was mailed to all Nevada dental professionals in July (picture below). We are currently awaiting fiscal approval to mail a reminder postcard (see below). The results of this study will be compared to Nevada's 2007 workforce survey and a portion of the results will be compiled into a presentation for the 2017 Nevada Public Health Association Annual Conference.

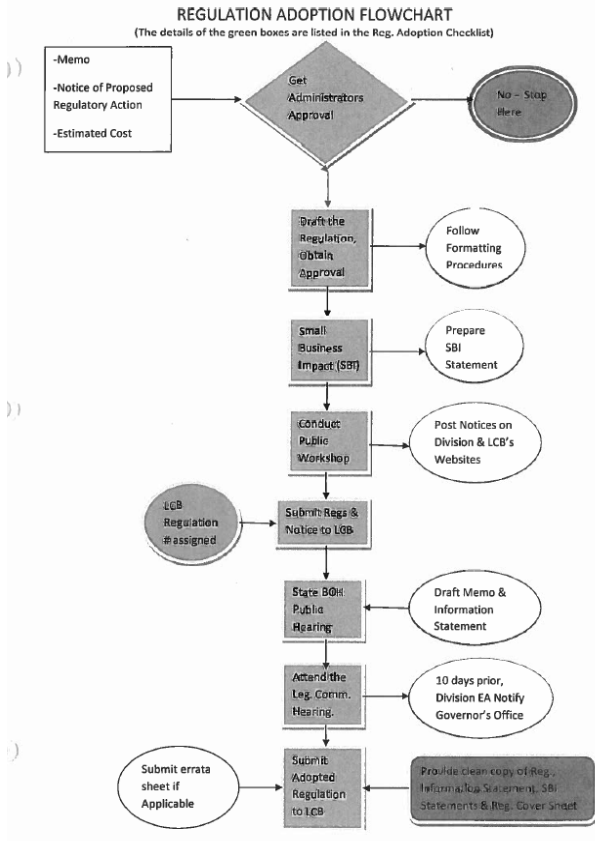


Rural Dental Clinic

As a result of the delay in hiring the State Dental Health Officer and State Public Health Dental Hygienist positions, a small pool of resources were available for FY 16-17. The Oral Health Program used this opportunity to purchase portable dental equipment. The equipment will be used to assist community dental outreach endeavors and to outfit the Southern Nevada Health District's mobile health van which will be providing medical and dental services throughout rural Nevada. Currently, Dr. Capurro is in the process of writing requests for proposals to solicit applications for equipment use. These documents will be reviewed by the Nevada Attorney General's office. More information will be forthcoming.

Health Assessment Before School Entrance Policy

Due to the change in administration within the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, support and background information on the policy must be provided to the administration. Dr. Capurro is currently developing additional documentation to support the health assessment before school entrance policy. A proposal will be submitted for review and approval. If adoption of this protocol is supported, Dr. Capurro will move forward and draft the regulation.



Nevada Women's Infant and Children Program

Ms. White will provide a verbal update on the progress of this project.

Under the current memorandum of understanding between the Oral Health Program and the Nevada Women's Infant and Children's (WIC) Program, oral health education and dental hygiene supplies will be provided to over 5,000 WIC recipients throughout Nevada through 16 local WIC agencies which operate 45 clinic locations. In addition to oral health literature and the Community Dental Resource Inventory, WIC recipients will also receive a small packet of dental supplies (adult toothbrush, infant brush, finger brush, floss, and toothpaste) with an informational card attached (see below for card details). Project completion deadline is September 30th. A part time administrative assistant, Ms. Alexis Craven, has been hired for completion of this project.

The Oral Health Program is currently in negotiation with WIC to finalize a new memorandum of understanding for FY18 which will continue the oral health education begun by the FY17 project.

Congratulations on Your Pregnancy!

Dental checkups and good oral hygiene will keep you and your baby healthy!

Pregnancy Tips:

- 1. Brush your teeth thoroughly with a fluoride toothpaste twice a day and floss daily
- 2. Eat a balanced diet full of fruits, vegetables, whole-grains, and dairy
- 3. Visit your dentist for an exam and regular dental cleanings
- 4. Schedule your new baby's first dental visit no later than their first birthday

DID YOU KNOW?

Medicaid pays for dental cleanings during pregnancy and transportation is provided!

Nevada Medicaid District Offices – Customer Service Line

Las Vegas District Office	702-668-4200	Nevada Medicaid Web Site: www.medicaid.nv.gov
Reno District Office	775-687-1900	
Carson City District Office	775-684-3651	
Elko District Office	775-753-1191	
All Other Areas	866-569-1746	

¡Felicitaciones por su embarazo!

¡Los chequeos dentales y la higiene oral mantendrán a usted y a su bebé sanos!

Consejos de embarazo:

- 1. Cepille bien los dientes con una pasta de dientes de fluoruro dos veces al día y use hilo dental diariamente
- 2. Coma una dieta equilibrada llena de frutas, verduras, granos integrales, y lácteos
- 3. Visite a su dentista para exámenes y limpiezas dentales regulares
- 4. Haga una cita dental para su bebé antes de que cumpla un año

¿Sabías que..?

Medicaid paga por las limpiezas dentales durante el embarazo y se provee transporte!

Oficinas de Medicaid en Nevada – Línea de Servicio al Cliente

Oficina del Distrito de Las Vegas	702-668-4200	Sitio Web de Nevada Medicaid: www.medicaid.nv.gov
Oficina del Distrito de Reno	775-687-1900	
Oficina del Distrito de Carson City	775-684-3651	
Oficina del Distrito de Elko	775-753-1191	
Todas las demás áreas	866-569-1746	

Sincerely,
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