



Nevada Medicaid Dental Preventive Services

Problem: Children at risk due to lost preventive services



Critical NV school-based providers in prior years:

Community Health Alliance

Future Smiles

UNLV Sealant Program

COVID-19 Pandemic's Impact on School-Based Services

According to the 2012, Burden of Oral Disease in Nevada, Nevada's proportion of children with dental caries experiences in primary and permanent teeth is more than **double the nation average**. Delayed identification and treatment of caries could have catastrophic public health consequences in the next year to two years.

School-based health services are critical for the Medicaid population in Nevada, but the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted these services. In recent years Washoe County has suffered losses of school-based sealant programs and Clark County will not allow school-based sealant programs on campus in the 20-21 school year which severely limits access to preventive dental services for underserved children.

Opportunity: CMS Learning Collaborative



CMS Learning Collaborative

CMS plans to launch a new two-year Learning Collaborative for state Medicaid programs: Advancing Prevention and Reducing Childhood Caries.

- Launch will probably be September or October 2020
- Focus will be on two topics:
 - Increasing the delivery of oral health services outside of dental office settings.
 - Supporting the disease management approach to children's oral health (silver diamine fluoride)

More information:

https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/improvement-initiatives/advancing-prevention-and-reducing-childhood-caries-medicaid-and-chip-learning-collaborative/index.html

Proposed Solution: Key Steps



- **AND**
- 1. Design high-impact, multi-channel outreach campaign
- 2. Organize delivery system capable of serving state's Medicaid children within short timeframe
- 3. Provide Teledentistry platform to all willing and able NV Medicaid providers, including non-traditional providers
- 4. Create a workflow to support fluoride home application
- 5. Design a case management program to navigate all at-risk enrollees to treatment, as soon as possible

Enrollee Outreach



Need for a coordinated effort that involves as many entities and media outlets as possible to maximize enrollee participation.

- DHCFP mailers/text messages alerting enrollees to program and to anticipate a call
- Schools notify parents (very effective)
- LIBERTY outreaches to enrollees through:
 - Text messages for those with cell numbers on file
 - Mailings to those without cell number on file
 Enrollee instructed to anticipate a call or contact us when they would like to be contacted
 - LIBERTY website for enrollees to contact us about the program

Enrollees



Enrollee receives text/call to assist in scheduling visit.

Enrollee choice:

- Opt-in to go to primary dental provider (PCD)
- Opt-in to Teledental visit/fluoride home application

For enrollees who do not respond:

- LIBERTY to continue outreach
- Entice participation with enrollee rewards/incentives

Delivery System:



LIBERTY engages provider network, offering Teledental platform and technical assistance.





- Design HEDIS reimbursement/incentive plan for:
 - Office visit/preventive services
 - Teledental assessment and fluoride home application
- Identify all willing and able Nevada Medicaid providers to participate:
 - Opt-in:
 - Office visit
 - Teledental LIBERTY provides access to a Teledental platform for 3-4 months
 - Opt-out:
 - Assign enrollees managed by "project"-based providers for Teledental visit/fluoride home application
- Utilize non-traditional dental providers (i.e., school-based providers and Teledental providers)

Assessment and Data Collection:



LIBERTY to standardize information collected from providers.

Minimal requirements for providers to report to LIBERTY.

Provider to report:

- Risk score
- Home fluoride Rx
- Doctor's notes

Distribution of Home-based Fluoride Varnish:



LIBERTY to coordinate fulfillment activities.

Home Fluoride Distribution

Provider identifies where fluoride prescription is appropriate and shares assessment results, notes, and prescription with LIBERTY.

LIBERTY coordinates fulfillment with a supplier such as Amazon or Colgate.

Enrollees receive advanced instruction from provider on application and short video provides demonstration.

Case Management for High-Risk Enrollees:



Based on risk score, LIBERTY to follow-up with enrollees who do not have a primary dental home.

Dental Home Navigation

LIBERTY performs follow-up to navigate enrollees to a dentist, based on their assessment results.

Process for Enrollees:



