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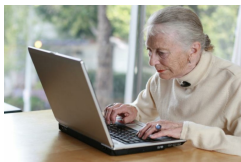
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New Patient Resources Webpage



The VaOHC website has a new Patient Resources webpage with information broken out by various patient demographics.

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Save the Date!
Friday, Nov. 13

2015 Virginia Oral Health Summit
Richmond, VA

February 2015 Newsletter

Share Your Oral Health Integration Efforts!

Many of you are implementing programs to ensure oral health is integrated into comprehensive health care. The Virginia Center for Health Innovation has provided a platform on its Innovation Network for you to share your efforts so others may learn from your work.

Please take a moment to [visit the Innovation Network](#) and enter details about your integration program by Thursday, March 19.

You will need to sign up as a member of the Innovation Network to enter your program details; membership is free and provides a platform to connect and share resources with thousands of members.

All integration efforts are relevant and innovative -- please consider sharing all that you do!

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Legislative Update: Dental Benefits for Pregnant Women and Federal S-CHIP Funding



Dental Benefits for Pregnant Women

The final Virginia budget is on its way to the Governor for his signature, and it [includes funding](#) for comprehensive dental services for pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid and

FAMIS MOMS. The benefit will go into effect on Sunday, March 1, and funding will remain in the Department of Medical Assistance Services' budget.

For more resources about the dental benefit for pregnant women and perinatal oral health for providers and patients, [visit our website](#).

[Add this event to your calendar](#)

Sponsorship and exhibit options available.

Contact [Samantha Dorr](#) for details.

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Please take a moment to support the Coalition's work.

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[Read about the Coalition's accomplishments](#)

Please check with your HR department to find out if your gift can be matched.

Federal S-CHIP Funding

The Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP) provides children ages 0-18 living in families with incomes between 134% FPL (less than \$39,581/year for a family of three) with access to quality, affordable, comprehensive medical and dental services. [Read more about S-CHIP in Virginia](#). Federal S-CHIP funding is set to expire on September 30, 2015.

In the past two weeks, Senate Democrats and Senate and House Republicans in Congress introduced legislative proposals to extend funding for S-CHIP. The legislation indicates that both sides of the aisle are committed to extending S-CHIP funding, yet there are several key differences between the two proposals that could significantly impact the benefit. Of note:

- **Funding Timeline:** Legislation from Senate Democrats extends S-CHIP funding until 2019; the Republican proposal extends funding for S-CHIP, but the draft legislation does not specify for how long.
- **23% Bump:** Legislation from Senate Democrats includes the 23% bump in federal match funding to states (as included in the ACA); the Republican proposal does not.
- **Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Requirements:** Democratic legislation maintains provisions in the ACA that require states to maintain eligibility and enrollment standards for Medicaid and S-CHIP until 2019; the Republican proposal eliminates MOE requirements, which, if repeated, could allow states to cut and/or remove coverage for children without providing a practical alternative.

Earlier this month, over 50 individuals and organizations signed onto a [letter](#) that went to Virginia's Congressional Delegation to urge Congress to fund S-CHIP. Our hope is that leaders from both sides will come together to find common ground and bi-partisan support for this program. VaOHC will continue to keep you posted on advocacy efforts through our website and newsletter updates.

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Of Interest

Oral Health and Overall Health

Oral health and overall health are fundamentally intertwined. The following links present current information on how oral health is connected to overall health and well-being.



- [Periodontal Disease and Ethnic Minorities](#)
- [Trip to the Dentist Saves a Girl's Life](#)
- [Oral Health and Behavioral Health Integration Resources](#)

Medical Providers: New CPT Code for Fluoride Varnish Application

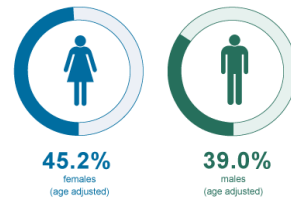


Effective March 1, physicians and other qualified health professionals who bill Medicaid for application of topical fluoride varnish should begin using code **99188**. **There is no change for dental providers.** The rate of payment, age limitations and frequency of treatment will remain the same.

[Visit our website for more info on early childhood dental care](#)

Healthy People 2020: Latest Data on Oral Health

Healthy People 2020's oral health leading health indicator measures the number of children, adolescents and adults who visited the dentist in the last year. The latest data is now available and includes dental visits by sex and education with infographics.



[View the latest data on annual dentist visits for 2012](#)

Population Health Summit for Virginia - March 26-27



Population Health Summit
for Virginia
March 26 & 27th

Registration is now open for the Population Health Summit for Virginia, to be held March 26-27 in Charlottesville. Featured speakers include Virginia's Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Dr. William Hazel, and Commissioner of Health, Dr. Marissa Levine.

[View more information and register online](#)

Free "Think Teeth" Resources to Help with Medicaid/CHIP Enrollment

CMS has released free educational materials for pregnant women, parents and caregivers which can be used by health professionals, navigators and certified application counselors to raise awareness about the importance of oral health and encourage enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP.



[View and order free "Think Teeth" educational materials](#)

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