



Virginia Oral Health Coalition Update October 2018

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**Register by
November 1 for
Virginia Oral
Health Summit**

November 8 | Richmond

[Register Now](#)

Registration ends November 1.

Don't miss the opportunity to attend the 2018 Virginia Oral Health Summit on November 8 in Richmond and hear from health equity scholar Dr. Camara Jones and motivational interviewing expert Dr. Matt Allen, and community leaders who will discuss health in vulnerable populations, the importance of fluoridated water and more!

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On the Blog:

VaOHC Provides FAQs for CCC+ and Medallion Dental Benefits

In Virginia, Medicaid will only reimburse comprehensive dental services for pregnant women and children, and very limited dental services for adults. However, many of the insurance plans covering medical costs for Medallion 4.0 and CCC+ health plans, also known as Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), will also reimburse some "enhanced" dental services for adults enrolled in their medical coverage. These reimbursable, enhanced dental services vary by MCO. To help providers and patients understand the different coverage options, the Virginia Oral Health Coalition has developed FAQs for enhanced dental benefits in [CCC+](#) and [Medallion](#).

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Virginia Recognized As National Leader in Oral Health Programs

Virginia underscored its status as a nationally-recognized leader for oral health programs following the Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) grant awards from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA).

Under the leadership of VDH Dental Health Programs Manager Tonya Adiches, VDH and partners will leverage CDC funding to increase school-based sealant programs by 5% and help localities to maintain or begin community water

- [Virginia Oral Health Summit Speaker Q&A Series Dr. Jennifer Lee](#): Hear from DMAS Director Dr. Jennifer Lee about Medicaid expansion rollout ahead of her talk at the [Summit](#).

- [Virginia Oral Health Coalition Receives Community Award](#): VaOHC was honored to receive the Williamsburg Health Foundation Annual Award. Learn more about the award and oral health integration efforts in Williamsburg.

- [Virginia Oral Health Summit Speaker Q&A Series Dr. Matt Allen](#): Learn more about motivational interviewing from one of our featured [Summit](#) speakers.

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Upcoming VaOHC Meetings

View our online
[Event Calendar](#)

November 1 | Fairfax
[Northern Virginia Oral Health Alliance Meeting and Advocacy Event feat. Senator Barker](#)

November 8 | Richmond
[2018 Virginia Oral Health Summit](#)

November 28 | Norfolk
[South Hampton Roads Alliance Dental Safety Net Workgroup](#)

November 29 | Richmond
[RVA/Petersburg Safety Net Workgroup](#)

December 4 | Fairfax
[NOVA Oral Health Alliance Adult Workgroup](#)

December 11 | Richmond
[Early Dental Home/Project](#)

fluoridation through education, grants, and public awareness. The HRSA award will improve electronic health records in safety net clinics to promote integration and data collection practices. [Learn more about the grants.](#)

Stakeholders can support VDH's work by continuing to lift up grant priorities and participate in grant-funded activities. Notes Adiches, "We would not be successful without the help of our local, regional, and statewide partners and all of the great work they do on our behalf to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth."

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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 and other social factors impact overall health and well-being.

- [Science says fluoride in water is good for kids. So why are these towns banning it?](#) (NBC News)
- [CDC: Soda accounts for 20% of kids' beverage consumption](#) (Dr. Bicuspid)
- [Periodontists May Initiate Alzheimer's Disease](#) (Dentistry Today)

Virginia Department of Health's State Office of Rural Health Now Accepting Grantee Applications

The Virginia Department of Health's State Office of Rural Health (VA-SORH) is now accepting



grantee applications for the FY 2019-20. VA-SORH provides grants to a number of nonprofits, public agencies, and tribal organizations to meet the needs of rural health communities and providers in the Commonwealth. The grant period will close on November 30; for questions or more information contact [Ashley Clark](#).

Campaign for Dental Health Launches New Community Water Fluoridation Resource Page

[Advisory Board](#)

December 11 | Richmond
[RVA/Petersburg School Age](#)
[Workgroup](#)

December 14 | Fairfax
[Northern Virginia Oral Health](#)
[Alliance- Children's Oral](#)
[Health Workgroup Meeting](#)

Check out our
[event calendar](#) to view
meeting times and exact
locations for all dates listed
above.

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HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR WATER OPERATORS

Many people like to granted that community water fluoridation (CWF) in the U.S. is a safe and well-accepted public health practice, but some people question or even oppose it. As a water facility operator, you may be confronted with questions from the customers you serve.

We know that fluoridation is only a small portion of the important job you do. That's why we have developed brief responses to common questions you may receive including links to web-based information for you and your customers.

The Campaign
for Dental Health
created a new
resource page on

community water fluoridation designed
specifically for water facility personnel to share
with their customers. The page includes
information to help respond to questions from
community members including information on
the safety of community water fluoridation and
the benefits it has for community health. [Share](#)
[this new resource](#) in your community to address
misconceptions around water fluoridation.

Celebrate Dental Hygienists During Dental Hygiene Month

October is National
Dental Hygiene
Month, an
opportunity to
celebrate the work



dental hygienists do, and help raise awareness
about the importance of good oral health. [Join the](#)
[American Dental Hygienist Association's](#) social
media campaign to highlight the role dental
hygienists play in good oral health.

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