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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

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.
- 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.

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
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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.

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.

Please take a moment and support the Coalition’s work.

Donate

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

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