

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

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Many of the most vulnerable young children are not getting preventive dental care. According to recent data collected from managed care organizations, only 25% of Medicaid enrolled children ages 1-4 years received preventive dental care in 2014.

The Allegheny County Dental Task Force, comprised of professionals from the local managed care organizations, universities, health departments and local non-profit organizations, needs your help to address this issue.

What can you do?

If you are a Medicaid provider, consider seeing children ages 1-4. If you don't feel you have the skills to work with young children, we are happy to help. A "Connect the Dots" training for Age 1 dentistry is already available. It is free and provides 2 CE credits.

If you are not a Medicaid provider, consider becoming one.

Is it difficult to become a Medicaid provider? - No!
Here are some myth-busting facts:

Myth #1) It is hard to enroll as a Medicaid Dental Provider

Fact, Pennsylvania makes it easy to enroll as a Medicaid Dental Provider, with instruction on the PA.GOV Web site: <http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/promise/enrollmentinformation/>. Enrollment can be on paper or electronic <https://provider.enrollment.dpw.state.pa.us/>. The electronic application guides users through the process and explains how to upload supplemental documents.

Myth #2) Medicaid is difficult to bill

Fact, there is a document is to provide a block-by-block reference guide to assist all provider types in successfully completing the ADA claim form. Version 2012 available at: http://www.dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/p_035987.pdf

Myth #3) Medicaid reimbursements are not equal to private insurance

Fact, dentists are paid for services delivered to fee-for-service recipients according to the fees specified in the Office of Medical Assistance Programs Outpatient Fee Schedule, unless the dentist typically charges the public less than that which is specified in the fee schedule for a service. Information about this can be found at: http://dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/p_002906.pdf. Pay for Performance plans are offered that take into account patient age (younger children are a focus) and history of dental visits (children without regular visits are a focus). Incentive payment timeframes may vary by MCO, but awards will be made based on performance during the 2017 calendar year.

Additional information regarding **Myths, Money and Medicaid** can be seen on the corresponding page.

We look forward to learning from you about ways we can expand access to dental care services for this population. For more information, please contact Casey Monroe, Manager of Special Projects at 412-578-8364. I hope you will consider joining me in these efforts. Thank you for your attention,

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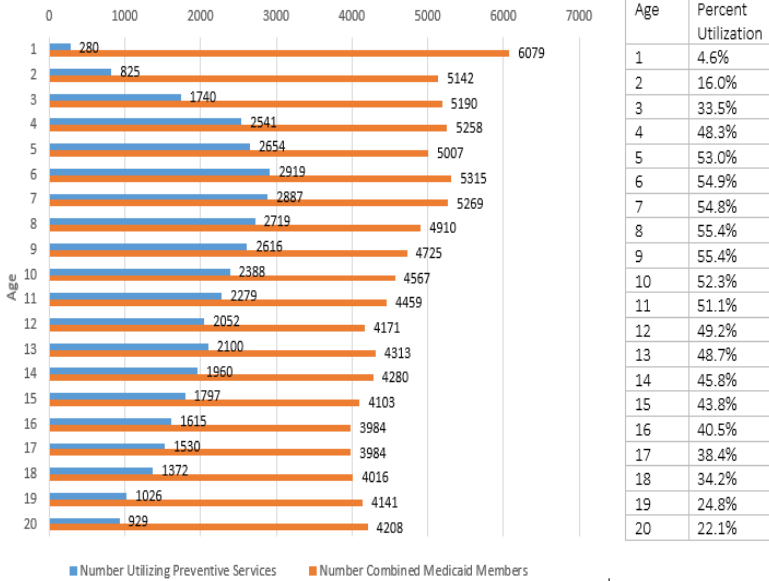
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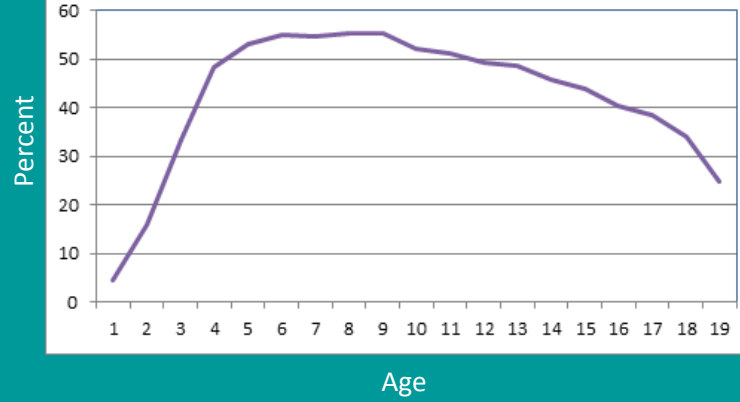
THE ISSUE: Low utilization of preventive dental care among children

Number of children in Allegheny County enrolled in Medicaid who utilized preventive services, by age (year +364 days), 2014.



* Data includes UPMC FOR YOU for You, Gateway Health, Aetna, and United Medicaid claims data from members who were enrolled for at least 90 continuous days. A member was considered to have utilized preventive services if they had at least one preventive CDT claim (CDT codes D1110, D1120, D1206, D1208, D1310, D1320, D1330, D1351, D1353, D1352, D1510, D1515, D1520, D1525, D1550, D1555, D1999) during the 2014 calendar year.

Percent of Allegheny children enrolled in Medicaid by age who received preventive dental care in 2014



To enroll with participating MCOs find the listing online search "*Pennsylvania Medicaid Managed Care Organization Directory*"

Or click here



http://www.dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/communication/s_002108.pdf

Dental providers Incentive Outline

Age	Type of Visit	Payment Amount to Dentist
6 months – 5 yrs.	New patient	\$30
6 yrs. – 20 yrs.	New patient	\$25
1 yr. – 5 yrs.	Retuning patient	\$10
6 yrs. – 20 yrs.	Returning patient	\$10

2017 Medicaid Incentive Plan

Dental Code	Dental Service	MA Fee Schedule Reimbursement	With Sealants
D0120	Dental Exam	\$20.00	n/a
D1120	Prophy	\$30.00	n/a
D1206	Fluoride Varnish	\$18.00	n/a
TOTAL			\$68.00
D1351	Sealant per tooth	\$25.00	n/a
	X 4-8 molars/ premolars	(4 – 8) x \$25.00	<u>\$100.00 - \$200.00</u>
TOTAL			\$168.00 - \$268.00
Add MCO P4P annual payment for closing the dental care gap: amount and frequency of payment may vary by plan			May range from \$10.00 - \$30.00
Radiographs & Restorative Work would be paid additionally per the fee schedule			\$\$\$



For any questions regarding pricing or purchasing copies of the ADA Dental Claim Form, please visit the ADA Catalog or call 800-947-4746

