

Alaska Oral Health Program

HRSA TOHSS Grantee Meeting

April 29, 2010

Children with Special Health Care Needs

- Collaboration with Family Voices Agency
- CSHCN Forum & annual follow-up meetings
- Development of parent resources
- Planned dentist/dental hygienist training (Summer 2010)
- Medicaid changes to increase access

Early Child Dental Visits

- Met with AAPD-Alaska Chapter – 2008
- Working with AAPD and Head Start on Dental Home Initiative
- Presentations with Nursing associations
- Published a state “Epidemiology Bulletin” – March 2010
- Medicaid Policy Changes

Medicaid Policy Changes – Fluoride Varnish

- Six + Year Project
- Coalition – WAMI medical students – Tribal programs
- MCH Oral Health TAG to CMS involvement
- White paper on fluoride varnish 2008
- Direction to implement in January 2010 – moving forward

Other Medicaid Activities

- Enhanced dental services for Medicaid adults under a \$1,150 annual limit (includes pregnant women)
- Dental reimbursement increases July 2008 and July 2009 – recognized in PEW state oral health report
- Project on missed appointments and short-notice cancellations
- Information on state and federal audits
- Process to address claims processing errors – information to assist with travel

Next Steps

- Once capacity is developed work towards changing EPSDT guidance on dental exam
- Reimbursement for oral evaluation by medical providers (D0145)
- Monitor changes in dental participation in Medicaid/CHIP – and medical provider fluoride varnish application (D1206)
- Assess satisfaction with CSHCN/oral health training workshops and changes in access
- Explore need for training on early dental appointments (highlight anticipatory guidance and education)
- Monitor changes in Medicaid dental visits prior to 24 months
- Dental Sealant Pilot projects with coordination to address dental treatment needs

Questions

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