

## IMPROVE CHILDREN'S HEALTH: DELIVER ORAL HEALTH PREVENTIVE SERVICES



**THOUGH PREVENTABLE, DENTAL DISEASE IS THE MOST PREVALENT CHRONIC DISEASE OF CHILDHOOD.** Dental decay is so widespread and its health effects so significant that the U.S. Surgeon General classified it as a “silent epidemic”.

### ORAL HEALTH IS ESSENTIAL TO OVERALL HEALTH.

- ◆ A healthy body includes a healthy mouth.
- ◆ Poor oral health may affect a child's sleep, speech development, ability to focus in school, and cause other health problems.

### CHILDREN'S DENTAL DISEASE IS PREVALENT.

- ◆ Nearly 40% of WA kindergarteners have experienced tooth decay.
- ◆ Close to 1 in 5 third graders in WA have current or past rampant decay.

*Nearly one-third of all primary care physicians have been trained to address oral health in WA.*

### DENTAL DISEASE IS PREVENTABLE THROUGH EARLY INTERVENTION!

- ◆ Medical providers usually see a child 8 times or more by age 3 for well-child checks.
- ◆ Oral health can easily be addressed at well-child checks starting at 6 months and continuing through adolescence.
- ◆ Oral health screening by age 1 is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and American Academy of Pediatric Dentists (AAPD).

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*Community Advocates for Oral Health*

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***"Implementing oral health screening and fluoride varnish application into our practice was really easy. The training and support from the Washington Dental Service Foundation was excellent."***

*- Beth Harvey, MD Pediatric Associates,  
Past President, WA Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics*

## WASHINGTON DENTAL SERVICE FOUNDATION OFFERS A COMPLIMENTARY 1.5 HOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS AND STAFF.

### GET STARTED IN YOUR OFFICE.

- ◆ Training focuses on quick and easy ways to deliver preventive oral health services and dental referral information.
- ◆ Hands-on demonstration of services:
  - 1) oral screening and risk assessment;
  - 2) fluoride varnish application;
  - 3) key oral health tips for families.
- ◆ Free educational materials available for families.
- ◆ 1 hour CME credit (category II) available.
- ◆ Ongoing coaching and implementation support.
- ◆ Online training available for providers and staff who cannot attend in-person training.

### REIMBURSEMENT AVAILABLE:

- ◆ **Medicaid\***
  - Reimbursement for oral screening (\$29.46), oral health education (\$27.58), and fluoride varnish (\$13.25) to enrolled children up to age 6. Total: \$70.29. Fluoride varnish is reimbursed to age 18.
  - WDS Foundation training required to receive reimbursement.
- ◆ **Washington Dental Service/Delta Dental of Washington**
  - Reimburses for oral screening and fluoride varnish delivered to enrolled infants and toddlers. \*\*

\*Reimbursement not available to CHC's at this time.

\*\*Reimbursement amount depends on patient's benefit plan.

### READY. SET. IMPLEMENT.



#### Get ready to implement:

- 1 Determine who will deliver the oral health services.
- 2 Decide when the services will be delivered.
- 3 Establish documentation and billing processes.
- 4 Plan for distribution of educational/referral materials.

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