

### Program #40017 - Dental Services

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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs:

Program Characteristics: In Target

# **Executive Summary**

Dental Services provides County residents with essential, urgent, routine, and preventive services in clinic settings and school-based programs. Program works with community partners, targeting under-served populations; providing service to nearly 25,000 people in Multnomah County. The Dental Program is the largest Safety Net provider for vital dental care in the County and provides unique child based services to uninsured and under-insured clients; focuses on access for patients with chronic diseases, children and pregnant women. The program uses evidence based practice guidelines.

## **Program Summary**

The Dental program has three distinct service components. Six dental clinics provide comprehensive dental treatment for Medicaid (Oregon Health Plan) and uninsured patients. The clinics include outreach to uninsured patients with chronic health conditions seeking care at primary care sites. The clinical program also focuses on services for pregnant women because recent research indicates that dental hygiene and periodontal services provided during pregnancy may decrease preterm delivery and improves infant health outcomes. The School and Community Oral Health Program provides dental education, and dental sealant services to children in Multnomah County schools, and provides outreach, education, and dental treatment specifically to children 0-36 months in our clinic setting. For uninsured Multnomah County residents with critical, urgent or specialty dental needs the Dental Access Program (DAP) provides triage and referrals to County dental clinics and private dentists. The Dental program also delivers mandated services within two Corrections Health sites. Dental Services is an essential program that provides education, prevention, and dental treatment to Multnomah County's poorest and most vulnerable population.

After careful research, MCHD decided to discontinue the school fluoride tablet distribution program beginning in the Fall of 2015. In short, the tablet program was not able to be delivered year round, nor consistently, and its efficacy was questioned. The need for a better utilization of county resources, and ensuring that the dental school services provided are evidence-based, we determined that a better way to tackle childhood oral health concerns was to expand our school sealant program. This program offer includes an expansion of the dental sealant program to 1200-1300 middle school children in Portland Public Schools with free and reduced lunch rates of 40% or more.

Performance Measures									
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Purchased	FY15 Estimate	FY16 Offer				
Output	Billable patient visits	60,708	65,470	59,601	67,883				
Outcome	Percentage of patients who complete treatment plan within 12 months	52%	60%	55%	58%				

#### **Performance Measures Descriptions**

% of patients who complete treatment plan within 12 months measures our ability to keep patients engaged in comprehensive care (may require multiple visits over time) to maintain good oral health. Discontinued previous Quality measurement "80% of clients strongly agree that they would refer their friends/family to our clinic." 2015 Launching new patient satisfaction and engagement review process and will develop baseline metric for improvement.

# Legal / Contractual Obligation

Dental services are a requirement of the Bureau of Primary Health Care 330 Grant.

# Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2015	2015	2016	2016
Personnel	\$7,553,032	\$3,989,625	\$7,851,918	\$5,402,911
Contractual Services	\$4,180	\$690,173	\$49,669	\$208,692
Materials & Supplies	\$311,980	\$675,981	\$252,364	\$853,327
Internal Services	\$1,024,019	\$2,301,700	\$1,010,991	\$2,255,292
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$165,475	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$8,893,211	\$7,822,954	\$9,164,942	\$8,720,222
Program Total:	\$16,716,165		\$17,885,164	
Program FTE	56.99	43.35	54.16	59.16

Program Revenues								
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$1,115,566	\$0	\$1,060,457	\$0				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$314,360	\$0	\$314,360				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$475,000	\$0	\$0				
Service Charges	\$8,555,581	\$7,033,594	\$8,918,524	\$8,405,862				
Total Revenue	\$9,671,147	\$7,822,954	\$9,978,981	\$8,720,222				

### **Explanation of Revenues**

The primary source of revenue is Medicaid funds. Additional revenue is received from the Primary Care 330 federal grant, general fund (to support Billi Odegaard services for the homeless) and patient fees.

Dental Patient Fees: \$17,324,386 Federal Primary Care Grant: \$314,360

# **Significant Program Changes**

Last Year this program was: FY 2015: 40017A Dental Services

After careful research, MCHD decided to discontinue the school fluoride tablet distribution program beginning in the Fall of 2015 and instead expand our school sealant program. The expanded sealant program is funded with general fund previously used for the fluoride tablet program and dental fees generated from sealant application.