Program Overview

Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD), established in 1995, connects Medicaid enrolled children ages 0 – 6 in Washington State with dental care in their local communities. ABCD is a public private partnership that includes Washington’s Health Care Authority (Medicaid), Washington’s Department of Health, the University of Washington School of Dentistry, the Washington Dental Service Foundation, and the Washington State Dental Association. ABCD operates statewide, with 30 programs serving children and families in all of Washington’s 39 counties, and trains and certifies dentists. These dentists receive enhanced Medicaid reimbursement for providing services to Medicaid enrolled children. ABCD coordinators conduct outreach to families and provide case management and connections to certified dentists. Today, Washington State leads the nation in the number of young children accessing dental care, with 50.9% of Medicaid enrolled children ages 0 – 6 accessing care in 2014.

Program Contact Information

Program Website: http://abcd-dental.org/
Access to Baby and Child Dentistry - Medicaid Payment Reform
Multiple locations throughout Washington

Program Features

- **Age**
  - ☒ 0-17 (Children and Youth)
  - ☐ 18-60 (Adult)
  - ☐ 60+ (Older Adult)

- **Specific Populations**
  - ☐ Homeless individuals
  - ☐ Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities
  - ☐ Individuals with physical disabilities
  - ☒ Individuals with specific or complex medical conditions
  - ☐ Individuals with low income
  - ☐ Individuals with no dental insurance
  - ☒ Individuals with Medicaid
  - ☐ Veterans
  - ☐ Refugees/immigrants

- **Geography**
  - ☒ Rural
  - ☒ Urban

- **Service Delivery Setting**
  - ☐ Hospital
  - ☐ Dental school
  - ☒ Community/safety net clinic
  - ☒ Private dental office
  - ☐ Long-term care facility
  - ☒ Senior center/community center
  - ☒ Private residence
  - ☒ Fairgrounds/stadium/parking lot
  - ☐ Church
  - ☐ School
  - ☒ Homeless shelter
  - ☒ Public housing

- **Service Delivery Model**
  - ☒ Dental clinic model (e.g. permanent setting)
  - ☐ Mobile-portable model
  - ☒ Eligibility and enrollment model (e.g. referrals, care coordination)
  - ☐ Virtual model (e.g. telehealth)
  - ☒ Event-based model
  - ☒ Outreach and education model

- **Dental and Oral Health Services**
  - ☒ Emergency services
  - ☒ Basic services
    - ☒ Screenings
    - ☒ Cleanings
    - ☒ Fluoride varnish
    - ☒ Sealants
    - ☒ X-rays
  - ☒ Comprehensive services
    - ☒ Fillings
    - ☒ Extractions
    - ☒ Oral surgery
    - ☒ Root canals
    - ☒ Dentures, partials, relines, repairs
    - ☒ Crowns
    - ☒ Bridges
    - ☒ Orthodontics

- **Staffing**
  - ☒ Dentist
  - ☒ Dental hygienist
  - ☒ Dental therapist
  - ☒ Dental assistant
  - ☒ Dental/dental hygiene students
  - ☒ Nursing staff
  - ☒ Community health workers
  - ☒ Non-dental clinical staff
  - ☒ Non-clinical staff

- **Payment for Care**
  - ☒ Medicaid
  - ☐ No charge to client
  - ☐ Sliding fee scale
  - ☐ Out of pocket
  - ☒ Commercial dental insurance

- **Program Funding**
  - ☒ Foundation/organization grant
  - ☒ Public funding (e.g. local, state, federal)
  - ☒ Private donations (e.g. individuals, businesses)

- **Integration with Services**
  - ☒ Medical services
  - ☐ Behavioral health services
  - ☐ Vision services
  - ☐ Pharmacy services
  - ☐ Transportation services
  - ☐ Translation services
  - ☒ Nutrition services

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