

Healthy Kids Dental

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Nationally, between 41–55% of kids ages 2–11 suffer from tooth decay; 34% untreated



Nearly half of all kids entering kindergarten have at least one cavity



70% of UP third-graders have a history of tooth decay



More than 25% of Michigan third-graders have untreated dental disease





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Third-graders in need of immediate care in Detroit is **2.5 times** higher than statewide!

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Good oral health is connected to school success

- Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease in the U.S.
- **51 million** hours of missed school yearly
- Absent students miss critical instruction time
- Students who don't read at grade level are more likely to drop out
- Students who have had recent oral health pain are **four times** more likely to have lower GPAs



A Call for Action

- Access to dental care for Michigan's young Medicaid beneficiaries has been a longtime chronic problem
 - Dentists are reluctant to participate
 - Low reimbursement rates
 - Administrative hassles
- Creates barriers that prevent children from accessing good dental care



Creating Solutions

- Michigan addressed this issue using a Dental Task Force to assess the problem and propose solutions
 - Task force recommended children’s dental care system function similarly to commercial dental insurance
- In 1998 and 1999, Michigan legislature appropriated \$10.9M for oral health initiatives
 - \$5.9M building effort for oral health clinics
 - \$5M demonstration program to increase private dentists’ participation, called Healthy Kids Dental (HKD)



Healthy Kids Dental (HKD)

- **Contracted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)**
 - Administered by Delta Dental of Michigan and Blue Cross Blue Shield
- **Project initiated May 1, 2000, in 22 counties**
 - October 1, 2000, expanded additional 15 counties
 - October 2015, HKD expanded to all 83 counties in Michigan!
 - In 2016, Michigan expanded the age range to include children ages 13-20 for Wayne, Oakland and Kent counties.



Healthy Kids Dental

- No copays/deductibles
- Dental benefits for nearly 1 million children
 - Medicaid enrollees
 - Under age 21
- Options for benefit administration
 - Delta Dental
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield (DentaQuest)
- Enrollee assignment with option to switch
 - 5:1 ration



What Makes HKD an Effective Solution?

- ✓ Increased reimbursement rates for participating providers
- ✓ Claims submission process is identical to claims submission process for Delta Dental's commercial business
- ✓ Member ID cards are identical to private subscriber cards
- ✓ Enrollees are treated as privately insured patients



Delta Dental Partners

Currently, about **8 out of 10** Michigan dentists participate with Delta Dental HKD

ADA named HKD **1 of 5** national program models for improving access to care for low-income populations



What's Covered?

- **Preventive care**
 - Exams
 - Cleanings
 - X-rays
 - Fluoride treatments
 - Sealants
- **Restorative care**
 - Fillings



What's Covered?

- Oral exams
- Teeth cleanings
- Fluoride treatments
- X-rays
- Screenings and assessments
- Fillings
- Sealants
- Stainless steel or resin crowns
- Crown build-up, including pins
- Space maintainers
- Re-cementing of crowns, bridges and space maintainers
- Root canals
- Extractions
- Complete, partial and temporary partial dentures
- Denture adjustments and repairs
- Denture rebases and relines
- Emergency treatment to reduce pain
- IV sedation (when needed)

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

- First visit—before age 1
- Fluoride varnish—once first teeth appear
- Dental cleaning—age 2, twice yearly
- X-rays—age 2
- Sealants—ages 6 and 12



Dental care at NO cost to the families

HKD, administered in part by Delta Dental, helps children with Medicaid have healthy, happy smiles.



Who has HKD?

If your children have Medicaid and are under the age of 21, HKD is available.

Watch your mailbox

If enrolled in HKD administered by Delta Dental, your children will automatically receive their ID cards in the mail.



To find a dentist or learn more
about Healthy Kids Dental, visit:

HealthyKidsDental.org

Michigan ENROLLS 1-800-975-7630

Thank you!

Questions?

