



## **Federal Efforts and National Trends in Children's Oral Health**

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## Children's Dental Health Project

Children's Dental Health Project (CDHP) is a national non-profit organization working since 1997 to advance policies that improve children's access to oral health

### CDHP commitment:

- ✓ Preventing childhood dental decay
- ✓ Engaging policymakers
- ✓ Promoting solutions

### Focus Areas:

- ✓ Financing
- ✓ Workforce
- ✓ Safety-net
- ✓ Prevention

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## Federal Oral Health Efforts

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## Federal Efforts

- **SCHIP Reauthorization**
- **Oral health legislative proposals**
- **Continued Congressional Oversight**

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## Dental Access Coalition SCHIP Principles

- **Establish a Federal Guarantee for Dental Coverage in SCHIP**
- **Develop a Dental Wrap-Around Benefit in SCHIP**
- **Support Ongoing Outreach Efforts to Enroll All Eligible Children in SCHIP**
- **Enact Mechanisms to Ensure Reliable Data Reporting on Dental Care in SCHIP**

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American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Dental Association  
American Dental Education Association  
American Dental Hygienists' Association  
American Student Dental Association








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Hispanic Dental Association  
Medicaid/SCHIP Dental Association  
National Dental Association

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## SCHIP Compromise

Conference agreement included:

-  Federal Guarantee for Dental Coverage
-  Reliable Data Reporting on Dental Care
-  Child Health Quality Measures
-  Governmental Accountability Office Studies
-  New parent education on oral health
-  Contracting Dental Services
-  Accessibility of Dental Provider Information

Presidential vetoes (2) → SCHIP extension until 3/09

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## Dental Bills

### ***Children's Dental Health Improvement Act***

- March 2007
- Sen. Bingaman (D-NM) S. 739 (13 co-sponsors)
- Rep. Dingell (D-MI) H.R. 1781 (78 co-sponsors)
  - Training of pediatric dentists
  - Expanding the number of dentists in underserved areas
  - Oral health initiative by federal agencies

### ***Deamonte's Law***

- May 2007
- Rep. Cummings (D-MD) H.R. 2371 (22 co-sponsors)
- State pilot programs:
  - Recruitment of dentists
  - Purchase of appropriate equipment or space
  - Specialty training for pediatric dentistry

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## Dental Bills

### ***Essential Oral Health Care Act of 2007***

- May 2007
- Rep. Wynn (D-MD) H.R. 2472 (18 co-sponsors)
  - Pilot mid-level provider
  - Tax credits for donated dental services
  - Increased FMAP for state dental-specific changes

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## New! Dental Bill

### ***Deamonte Driver Dental Care Access Improvement Act of 2008***

**S.2723:** Senators Brown (D-OH) and Cochran (R-MS)

**H.R. 5549:** Representative Cummings (D-MD)

#### **Provisions**

- Dental Workforce Improvement
- Access to Dental Care
- Public Education & Awareness Campaign
- Access to Dental Care Under Medicaid & SCHIP
- Coordination and Report by Sec. of HHS

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## Congressional Oversight

### House Oversight and Government Reform

#### Subcommittee on Domestic Policy

Rep. Kucinich (D-OH), Chairman

Hearings (May 2, 2007 & Feb. 14, 2008)

- Adequacy of Federal Oversight for Medicaid Dental
- Accuracy of MCO Dental Networks
- Alterations to Medicaid's Guide for Pediatric Dental Care

Government Accountability Office (GAO) Studies

### House Armed Services Committee

#### Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee

Rep. Snyder (D-AR), Chairman

Hearing (April 23, 2007)

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## Federal Policy Trends: Public Coverage

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## SCHIP Directive

### “August 17<sup>th</sup>” Dear State Medicaid Director

Eligibility cap at 250% FPL

*Expand if...*

- 95% of SCHIP eligible <200% FPL enrolled
- < 2% drop in private coverage, prior 5 years for children <200% FPL

*If met, then...*

- 1 year waiting period to avoid “crowd-out”
- States must charge premiums

Apply to Medicaid???



GAO & CRS: Concluded directive is Rule and “must be submitted to Congress...”

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## Medicaid Regulations

### CMS released interim regulations for...

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| School-based Services | Rehab. Services      |
| Case Management       | Hospital Cost Limits |
| Grad. Medical Ed.     | Outpatient Clinic    |
| Provider Tax          | Depart. Appeal Board |

✓ **House**

Rep. Dingell (D-MI), H.R. 5613  
Moratoria until April 2009 on 7 Medicaid Regs.  
Cost Est. = \$1.8 over 5 years

✓ **Senate**

Sen. Rockefeller (D-WV), S. 2819  
Moratoria on 8 Medicaid Regs. & SCHIP Directive

✓ **President**

**Veto threat**


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## State Policy Trends

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## Trends: State Policy

- Health coverage reform
- Medicaid reform
- Contracting dental services
- School mandates
- Reimbursement for non-dental providers

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## Trends: Health Reform

### Private Insurance Reforms\*

- Small business incentives (OK, NY, MT)
- Premium assistance (UT, MN, TX)
- Health Savings Accounts (IN, KS)
- Employer mandates (MA, VT)
- Individual requirements (MA, ME)
- Tax incentives (TN)
- Connectors (MA, MN, MI)
- State-defined benefit packages (VT, CT)

Few allow or require dental benefits.

\*Voris, M. National Governors Association, *Leading the Way: State Health Reform Initiatives*

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## Trends: Medicaid Reform

### Redesigning Medicaid\*

- Modeling private insurance
  - Benchmark benefit packages (KY)
  - Cost-sharing (ID)
  - Consumer choice (FL, WV)
- More wellness and prevention services (SC, MO)
- Alternatives to "statewideness" (KS, VA)
- Changing Medicaid financing structures (MA, VT)

\* Voris, M. National Governors Association. *Medicaid Redesign: State Innovations in Health Coverage and Delivery*

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## Trends: State Policy

### Dental “Carve out” Contracting

- ✓ ASO single vendor contracting
- ✓ Multiple vendor contracting

### Dental Screening Prior to School Entry

- ✓ 10 States and DC
- ✓ Others “recommend” but do not “require”

### Reimbursement for non-dental providers

- ✓ Example: MD new law for dental hygienists

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**What Next?**





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## To Be Continued...

- **Federal Health Care Reform**
- **Dental workforce debate**
- **Preventing dental disease – including perinatal oral health and public education**

### Opportunities for dental community...

-  **Be at the table during these debates**
-  **Decide collectively what is needed**
-  **Identify where public and private sector can come together**
-  **Join broader movements and encourage others to take on oral health**

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