

# Partnership for Alignment: Medicaid Oral Health Program

Experience in a number of States has shown that strong collaboration between a State Oral Health Program and a state Medicaid Oral Health Program can significantly enhance the success of both programs. The purpose of The Partnerships for Alignment Project is to help states improve inter-agency and intra-agency collaboration. A self-assessment diagnostic tool for use by State Oral Health Programs and Medicaid Oral Health Programs to assess current levels of collaboration has been developed by the Medicaid-CHIP State Dental Association (MSDA) and the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD).

MSDA and ASTDD invite you to participate in this project by completing the survey below. Individuals completing the assessment tool for the State Medicaid Oral Health programs and State Oral Health Programs are encouraged to exchange survey answers and meet with their colleagues to discuss how, together, they can improve their level of collaboration.

Once you have completed the survey, you may contact Rachel Clark, MSDA Project Assistant at [rclark@medicaiddental.org](mailto:rclark@medicaiddental.org) for a copy of your completed survey.

## **1. Who is the person primarily responsible for the State Oral Health Program in your state's public health agency?**

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## Section 1: Health Care Delivery: Questions Related to Process

### 1. How often do you collaborate with your State Oral Health Program (SOHP) to establish and/or update Medicaid policies to align with oral health public health programs?

- Never- Our offices are independent and the opportunity does not exist.
- Once a year
- Quarterly
- Monthly
- Don't know

Please explain your response.

### 2. Is your State Oral Health Program (SOHP) an "enrolled provider?"

- Yes.
- No; if so, move to Question 5.

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## 3. If you answered yes to Question 2, does your state Medicaid program directly reimburse your State Oral Health Program for fluoride varnish services provided in any of the public health/community settings listed below? If no, why not?

	Yes. The Medicaid program pays for fluoride varnish services in:	No. The Medicaid program does not pay for fluoride varnish services in:	No. The Medicaid program provides financial support for fluoride varnish services to the SOHP, but not through a direct claims billing mechanism in:	Don't know
WIC programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Head State programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based sealant programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based comprehensive oral health services programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based Health Centers (SBHC)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other: please specify	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your response:

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**4. If you answered yes to Question 2, does your state Medicaid program directly reimburse your State Oral Health Program for dental sealant services provided in any of the public health/community settings listed below? If no, why not?**

	Yes. The Medicaid program pays for dental sealant services in:	No. The Medicaid program does not pay for dental sealant services in:	No. The Medicaid program provides financial support for dental sealants to the SOHP, but not through a direct claims billing mechanism for:	Don't know.
Head Start programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based Dental Sealant Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based Comprehensive Oral Health Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SBHC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other: please specify	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your response:

**5. Are other public health/community programs "enrolled providers?"**

- Yes.
- No.

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**6. If you answered yes to Question 5, does your state Medicaid program directly reimburse other public health/community programs for fluoride varnish services provided in any of the public health/community settings listed below? If no, why not?**

	Yes. The Medicaid program pays enrolled providers for fluoride varnish services provided in:	No. The Medicaid program does not pay enrolled providers for fluoride varnishes services provided in the following community or public health settings in:	No. The Medicaid program provides financial support for fluoride varnish services to some public health/community programs, but not through a direct claims billing mechanism in:	Don't know.
WIC programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Head State programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based dental sealant programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based comprehensive oral health services programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SBHC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other: please specify	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your response:

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**7. If you answered yes to Question 5, does your state Medicaid program directly reimburse other public health/community programs for dental sealant services provided in any of the public health/community settings listed below? If no, why not?**

	Yes. The Medicaid program pays for dental sealant services in:	No. The Medicaid program does not pay for dental sealant services in:	No. The Medicaid program provides financial support for dental sealants to the SOHP, but not through a direct claims billing mechanism for:	Don't know.
Head Start programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based sealant programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based comprehensive oral health services programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SBHC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other: specify	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your response:

**8. Does your state Medicaid program CMS 416 Report capture oral health services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries in any kind of school-based programs including Head Start programs?**

- Yes.
- No.
- Don't Know.

Please explain your response.

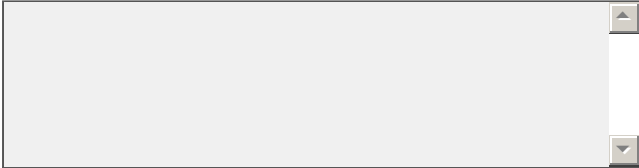
## Section 2: Health Care Delivery: Questions Related to Access

**1. Do you have a process/system in place to collaborate with your SOHP to identify children/families potentially eligible for Medicaid?**

Yes

No

Please explain your response.



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## Section 3: Health Care Delivery: Questions Related to Structure

**1. Does the Medicaid agency request dental sealant utilization data for Medicaid beneficiaries participating in SOHP dental sealant programs?**

- Yes.
- No.
- Don't know.

Please explain your response.

**2. Does your state contract with managed care organizations and/or other third party administrators for the administration of oral health care services for Medicaid and/or CHIP beneficiaries?**

- Yes.
- No; My state does not have managed care for oral health.
- Don't know.

**3. If you answered yes to the previous question, what level of input do you provide to your state oral health managed care organization(s) and/or third party administrators regarding oral health policy and data sharing for your state Medicaid oral health program? Please explain below.**



## Section 4: Health Care Delivery: Questions Related to Patient Experience

### 1. How often do you request data from parent satisfaction surveys for Medicaid beneficiaries participating in school-based dental sealant or comprehensive oral health services programs from your SOHP?

- Never
- Once a year
- Quarterly
- Monthly
- Don't know

Please explain your response.

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## Section 5: Final Summary Questions

**1. Taking into consideration your answers to the survey's questions so far, how would you rate the current level of collaboration between your State's Medicaid and public oral health programs?**

- We are starting at the ground floor.
- We've gotten started but have a lot of room to improve.
- We're about half way there.
- We have great momentum but have not yet grabbed the gold ring.
- We think we've figured out how to optimize our collaboration and are seeing great results.

**2. What benefits would you hope to achieve for your program by increasing collaboration with your SOHP?**

**3. What two actions do you think you could take in the near term to help increase the level of collaboration?**

**4. Do barriers exist that inhibit the process of effective collaboration (barriers internal to the process)?**

- Yes
- No

**5. If you answered yes to Question 4, name the barrier, describe its impact on the process of collaboration, and identify the perceived technical assistance that could improve the collaboration process.**

**6. Do barriers exist that inhibit desirable outcomes from the collaboration (barriers external to the process)?**

- Yes
- No

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**7. If you answered yes to Question 6, name the barrier, describe its impact on the desired outcome, and identify perceived technical assistance that could improve the collaboration outcome.**

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