

Partnerships for Alignment: SOHP

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 for a copy of your completed survey.

1. Who is(are) the person(s) primarily responsible for oral health benefits in your state's Medicaid program?

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Section 1: Health Care Delivery: Questions Related to Process

1. How often do you collaborate with your state Medicaid oral health program 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. Does your State Oral Health Program (SOHP) directly bill Medicaid for fluoride varnish services provided in the public health settings listed below? If no, why not?

	Yes. The SOHP submits claims for payment to the state Medicaid program for fluoride varnish services provided in:	No. The SOHP does not provide direct services in:	No. The SOHP provides services, but does not submit claims for payment to the state Medicaid program for fluoride varnish services provided in:	No, but the SOHP does receive financial support from the state Medicaid agency, through an alternative funding mechanism for fluoride varnish services provided in:	Don't know.
WIC programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Head Start programs	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based comprehensive oral health services programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based health centers	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your responses.

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3. Does your State Oral Health Program (SOHP) directly bill Medicaid for dental sealant services provided in the public health settings listed below? If no, why not?

	Yes. The SOHP submits claims to the state Medicaid program for payment of dental sealant services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries for:	No. The SOHP does not provide direct services in:	No. The SOHP provides services, but does not submit claims for payment to the state Medicaid program for dental sealant services to Medicaid beneficiaries: billing mechanism for:	No. The SOHP receives financial support for dental sealant services from the state Medicaid agency, but not through a direct claims	Don't know.
Head Start programs	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based Comprehensive Oral Health Services Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based health centers	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your response.

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4. Do other public health/community based programs directly bill Medicaid for fluoride varnish services provided in public health settings listed below? If no, why not?

	Yes. Other community based programs submit claims for payment to the state Medicaid program for F Varnish services provided in:	No. The public health/community based programs do not provide direct services in:	No. Other community programs do not submit claims for payment to the state Medicaid program for F Varnish services provided in:	No. However, some community programs receive financial support for F Varnish services from the state Medicaid agency, 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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Head Start Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based sealant program	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based health centers	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your response.

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5. Do other public health/community based entities directly bill Medicaid for dental sealant services provided in public health/community based settings listed below? If no, why not?

	Yes. Other community programs submit claims for payment of dental sealant services to the state Medicaid program for:	No. The public health/community based programs do not provide direct services in:	No. Other community programs do not submit claims for payment of dental sealant services to the state Medicaid program for:	No. Other community programs receive financial support from the state Medicaid agency for dental sealant services, but not through a direct claims billing mechanism in:	Don't know
Head Start programs	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based Comprehensive Oral Health Services programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
School-based health centers	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your response.

6. Do you work with your Medicaid program to ensure that oral health services provided to Medicaid enrolled children in any school-based oral health programs, including Head Start, are included in the annual CMS 416 Report?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please explain your response.

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7. If Medicaid is billed for fluoride varnish and/or dental sealants provided in any community-based, school-based, WIC, or Head Start programs, do you request and use the Medicaid data for health and program outcome assessment?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

8. If you answered yes to Question 7, please explain how you use the Medicaid data for health and program outcome assessment.

Section 2: Health Care Delivery: Questions Related to Access

1. Do you have a formal or informal process in place to collaborate with your state Medicaid agency when identifying children/families or groups potentially eligible for Medicaid?

- Yes
- No

Please explain your response.

2. In your public health initiatives, does your SOHP include protocols for:

	Yes	No
Medicaid outreach:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Medicaid enrollment:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Referral for Medicaid enrollment:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your response.

Section 3: Health Care Delivery: Questions Related to Structure

1. Do you share dental sealant utilization data for Medicaid enrolled children served by dental sealant programs with your state Medicaid oral health program?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please explain your response.

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

- Yes
- No; My state does not contract with managed care organizations or third party administrators for the delivery and/or administration of oral healthcare services.
- Don't know

3. If you answered yes to Question 2, what level of direct/indirect 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?

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

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

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

Please explain your response.

Section 5: Final Summary Questions

1. Taking into consideration your answers to the survey's questions, how would you rate the current level of collaboration between your State's Medicaid and public health 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 there is room for improvement.
- We think we've figured out how to optimize our collaboration and are seeing great results.

2. What impact would you hope to achieve for your program by increasing collaboration with your Medicaid program?

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

4. Do internal or external barriers exist that inhibit the process of effective collaboration?

- Yes
- No

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

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