

NH Oral Health Coalition

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**The NH Oral Health Coalition
wishes to recognize ...**

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&

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Coalition Mission

*To Promote Optimal Oral Health for the people
of NH*

Coalition Strategic Areas

1. Prevention/Health Promotion
2. Workforce
3. Financing
4. Safety Net
5. Integrating Functions
6. Advocacy, policy and politics

Identification of Policy Priorities

Steering Committee approval of Top 3 Priorities

1. Strengthen the integration of oral health and primary care
2. Expand oral health services to pregnant women
3. Strengthen and expand community & school based oral health services and programs, including sealants

Year in Highlight

- NH Public Health Association agreed to serve as the NH Oral Health Coalition's Fiscal Agent
- NHPHA is dedicated to building a common public health vision
- NHPHA has listed Oral Health as one of the organization's public health priorities
- NHPHA is directed toward deliberate & strategic collaborative efforts with others in NH

Year in Highlight

- Coalition's Legislative policy on children's oral health was successfully adopted by NH Children's Advocacy Network as 1 out of the 4 2009 Policy Priorities
- HB#414 Coalition's first piece of legislation in the 2009 session was drafted
- HB #414 successfully passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Lynch in June.

2009 Legislation Impacting Oral Health in NH

- HB 414: Establishes a Study Commission
- HB 301: Establishes Task Force
- SB 64: Increasing the # of RDH on BODE & Establishes a study of RDH self regulation
- Sealant-Administrative Rule Change
- HB 568 & HB 638 addressed Tobacco

HB#414 Study Commission Findings...

- 35 States provide Medicaid Reimbursement for trained medical providers who perform:
 - OH Risk Assessment, Anticipatory Guidance, Fluoride Varnish-Referral to dental home
- Large & growing body of evidence-based data supporting the use of primary care providers to provide oral screenings and prevention for 0-3 year olds
- Pediatricians & primary care providers see children 12 times in the first 3 years of their life for well-child check ups

HB#414 Study Findings...

- Significant disparities in oral health exist among Medicaid recipients
- In 2007, approx. 1,500 out of 12,000 Medicaid children ages 0-3 received any dental care
- New Hampshire ranks 43rd in the nation with regard to the percent of the population receiving fluoridated water (42.7%).

Coming up in 2010

- 2 titles addressing Dental Hygiene
- Relative to the Board of Dental Examiners
- Tobacco
- Childhood Obesity
- School Nutrition
- State Budget

Federal Legislation impacting Oral Health

- CHIP re-authorization effective 4/2009-9/2013
- Oral Health Coalition expressed support to NH Congressional Delegation

New Provisions include:

- Provides supplemental dental coverage to privately-insured children
- Parents of newborns to receive oral health educational materials and need for a dental visit in the first year

Health Care Reform affecting Oral Health

- Dental Coverage for Children
- Dental Coverage for Pregnant Women & Adults
- Oral Health Prevention
- Oral Health Infrastructure
- Oral Health Workforce
- School Based Programs

Dental Coverage for Children

House Tri-Committee Bill

- All Exchange plans required to include oral health services for < age 21

Senate HELP Committee Bill

- All Gateway plans required to include oral care for children

Senate Finance Framework

- CHIP wrap in the Exchange to provide full EPSDT services including dental
- Exchange plans to include kids' dental

Dental Coverage for Pregnant Women and Adults

House Tri-Committee Bill

- Expert panel to determine benefits but adult oral health is not specifically offered

Senate HELP Committee Bill

- Expert panel to determine benefits

Senate Finance Framework

- Not detailed

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Oral Health Prevention

House Tri-Committee Bill

- Includes children's oral health in "well child and well baby care"

Senate HELP Committee Bill

- Establishes a public campaign on oral health; demonstration grants for caries mgnt and school-based sealant programs

Senate Finance Framework

- Not detailed

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Oral Health Infrastructure

House Tri-Committee Bill

- None

Senate HELP Committee Bill

- CDC to improve public dental health programs
- Tracks population oral health and use of dental services

Senate Finance Framework

- Not detailed

Oral Health Workforce

House Tri-Committee Bill

- Pediatric, general, and public health dentistry training focused on underserved
- Public health scholarships/loans
- Team-based delivery models
- Permanent workforce advisory committee

Senate HELP Committee Bill

- Pediatric, general, and public health dentistry training focused on underserved
- Demonstration grants to test alternative delivery models

Senate Finance Framework

- Not detailed

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School-Based Programs

House Tri-Committee Bill

- Allows federally funded school-based health centers to use funds for dental programs

Senate HELP Committee Bill

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Senate Finance Framework

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For more information....

- Center for Children and Families

www.ccf.org

- Children's Dental Health Project

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