Expansion of Integration of Oral Health in Physician’s Office

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Overview

QTIP Project
Data Review
Moving Forward

WHY:
- Dental Caries is an ambiguous, chronic, infectious, destructive and transmissible disease
- It is the most common chronic disease among children
- However, it is a preventable disease!!
- Poor oral health impacts child’s overall health
- It also affects child’s speech; developmental milestones; nutrition; self esteem and school readiness

WHY YOU:
- Physician’s office is where children are first and most frequently seen
- Most of the anticipatory guidance topics can be linked with oral health education

History - Why QTIP and oral health

Core measure from CHIPRA grant:
The total number of children age 1 to 20 years who are eligible for Medicaid and/or CHIP and enrolled who received preventative dental services

- a. Perform and document an oral health risk assessment
- b. Refer patient to a dental home
- c. Apply fluoride varnish to high risk patients
- d. Discuss fluoride in family’s drinking water source

* Introduced July 2011 Learning Collaborative
  - Overview of Caries
  - Oral Health Risk Assessments
  - Bright Future Recommendations
  - Water fluoridation

* 12-36 months

History ... Continued

Policy Evolution

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| 2015 | Procedure code changing 99168; Fee $15.89 |
|      | Well visits & sick visits |
|      | Certification required |
|      | Frequency 1 every 6 months |
|      | Age 0-12 years old |

| 2017 | All policies remained unchanged |
|      | Fee $18.20 (as of 7/1/2017) |
Provider Training & Certification

SCDHS recognizes the following oral health trainings and resources for Certification of medical providers:

- Bright Futures curriculum and Bright Smiles Oral Health Modules developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), OR
- Connecting Smiles training developed by SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) in collaboration with SCDHS
- Oral Health tools and resources developed by:
  - American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
  - American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD)
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
  - Maternal and Child Health Resource Center at Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA)
- QTPP has developed an Oral Health Integration Training using excerpts from the Smiles for Life. This training is located on the QTPP website.

History ... Continued

- Lessons Learned
  - QTPP's Oral Health Initiative 2016 Research Study
  - Challenges to prevent oral health integration...
    - Physician buy-in
    - Addressing multiple health topics during visit
    - Communication
  - What is needed to integrate preventive oral health...
    - Fluoride varnish training
    - Reimbursement
    - Practice infrastructure
  - Other practice needs...
    - Educational resources for patients/parents
    - Referral network

The Medicaid Network

Serving Children 0-5 years of age

The proportion of Children 0-5 that visited the provider in SFY17

- Physician
  - Children with a visit: 62%
  - Children with no visit: 38%

- Dental Provider
  - Children with a visit: 58%
  - Children with no visit: 42%

*Includes children who had an encounter with a physician or dental provider in SFY17.
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***Data reflects only children with full benefits.
**SCDHHS GOAL**

- Increase Access and Utilization of Oral Health Services delivered in Physician’s Office
  - Policy
  - Integration of Oral Health in the medical setting
  - Statewide expansion approach

According to CMS, Oral Health Services are services performed by qualified health care professionals that are neither a dentist nor supervised by a dentist.

**SCDHHS New Policy**

- Policy update for Physician Services (ext. for 4/1/2018)
  - Expand coverage by removing the age 12 limitation. All children ages 0-21 years (from the eruption of first tooth) can receive Fluoride varnish during well visits or sick visits
  - Increase frequency for FL varnish application specially for early childhood. Ages 0 through 6 may receive a maximum of 4 applications per year; ages 7-21 may receive 1 application per year.
  - Integrate oral screening during each EPSDT/well checkup visit
  - Integrate oral health education during Anticipatory Guidance
  - Reimbursement (effective 7/1/2017 fee for 99188 is $16.20)