Dental Services

A Public Health Dental Hygienist will be coming to your child's school to provide dental services. This **preventive dental program** is available for your child through the Nebraska Office of Oral Health and Dentistry and Four Corners Health Department. The purpose of the program is to educate families about the importance of a healthy mouth, and provide preventive services for children. Your child will be able to visit with a Dental Hygienist who will talk with your child about good oral habits. A note will be sent home after the screening informing you of any potential concerns. These are the services that will be offered to your child:

1) **Dental Education** -- Each child will talk with the Hygienist about good oral health care.
2) **Dental Screening** – Looking inside the mouth to see if there are any potential problems with teeth or gums.
3) **Dental Cleaning**– The use of instruments or gauze wipes to clean off any areas of plaque or build up on the teeth.
4) **Fluoride Treatment** – An application of Fluoride is painted on the teeth to help prevent decay. *** (Please see back)
5) **Application of Sealants**– Sealants are coatings that are placed on the back teeth to help prevent decay. They "seal" out food and bacteria from the natural recesses of the tooth. Every child has different shaped teeth and some children do not need sealants. The Public Health Dental Hygienist will determine if sealants are recommended for your child. *** (Please see back)
6) **Referral** - Assistance will be provided in finding a dental facility qualified to provide additional services if needed.

My child _____Birthdate_____ is allowed to receive the following services.
Please check which services you wish for your child to receive.

_____My child may receive **ALL** the services offered (if determined necessary by hygienist)

OR Check below the services that you wish for your child to receive:

_____Screening _____Cleaning _____ Fluoride _____Sealants

_____No thanks, I do not wish for my child to participate in this program

Is your child covered by Medicaid? Yes No

Is your child covered by private dental insurance? Yes No

Does your child have a regular dentist (or dental home)? Yes No

If yes, can we send screening information to them? Yes No

Dentist Name and City:_____

Signed by parent/guardian _____Date: _____

***Please note:** This screening and preventive fluoride application **DOES NOT** take the place of regular dental examinations by your family dentist. We encourage you to let your child participate in the screening and preventive fluoride application program even if you see your family dentist for regular care.

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Our Public Health Dental Hygienists are offering these dental services:

1. **Dental Education** A Dental Hygienist will teach your child about good oral health care.
2. **Dental Screenings** Your child will be given an examination in which the general appearance of their dental health will be rated. See categories below:

Category #0
No obvious problem – routine dental care is recommended.

Category #1
There is a *need* for early dental care and parent is notified.

Category #2
There is an *urgent need* for dental care and parent is notified the day of screening

3. **Fluoride Varnish** Fluoride varnish is a sticky, honey-like material applied to the teeth with a small brush. It is called varnish due to its sticky consistency. Fluoride varnish is approved by the American Dental Association and the Federal Drug Administration. Fluoride varnish should be applied 4 to 6 times a year, and can decrease further cavity development by about 38%.

4. **Sealants** Your child could be given an application of dental sealants (per request of parent on the consent form and recommendation of the Dental Hygienist.) The sealant material fills into the cracks of the tooth to prevent food and bacteria from possibly becoming cavities. This makes the tooth easier to keep clean.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to:

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