



# HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALISTS

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## Protect Your Child's Health

You have the opportunity to protect your child from the #1 chronic disease of children in the United States – tooth decay/cavities. Complete the consent form (on back or online) if you want your child to receive services through our school-based oral health program.

### WHO IS HPS?



HPS is a group of Registered Dental Hygienists (RDHs) that go into schools to clean teeth, apply fluoride and place sealants or protective fillings on teeth. Services are provided every 6-9 months.

### WHAT ARE SEALANTS AND PROTECTIVE FILLINGS?

Ninety (90%) of all tooth decay occurs in the biting surfaces of back teeth.



**Preventive sealants** are thin plastic coatings that are painted in the grooves on the biting surfaces of back molar teeth to prevent cavities on permanent teeth.



**Protective Fillings** stop tooth decay from growing and spreading. Silver Diamine Fluoride is placed over a cavity to stop the decay. This turns the decay black and hard. Then tooth colored material is placed on top to seal bacteria out and prevent further decay. They have been shown to cause less damage than regular fillings and can last as long or longer. They do **not** require a drill, something to make your child “sleepy”, any shots to “numb” or medicines for pain.

### WHERE WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE CARE?



**At School-** Which means more access to dental care and less class time lost!

Fill out the back of this form completely. You must sign it at the bottom where it asks for signature.

### WHAT IS THE COST?



- If your child has **Medicaid or SCHIP**, there will be no cost to you.\*
- If you have **dental insurance**, we will file your insurance for you and bill you for any amount your insurance does not pay.\*
- **All others** will be billed for the cost of services.

Costs for services: Teeth Cleaning - \$40 (age 11 & under), \$54 (age 12 & over); Fluoride Varnish - \$26; Dental Sealants - \$32 per tooth; Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) - \$15 per tooth; Protective Fillings - \$50 per tooth

### HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN MY CHILD IS SEEN?



A **letter will be sent home with your child** on the day your child is seen letting you know what services were completed and an overview of your child's oral health. Children with cavities that are unable to be treated with protective fillings will need to see a dentist soon. We will give you a list of dentists in your area, and you may choose which dentist you would like your child to see.



Online Form

\*Please note: If your child currently sees a local dentist, your child may have already had these services done or be scheduled for this in their office. Please consult your dentist. Medicaid and dental insurance **will not** cover cleanings and fluorides more than once every six months. If your child has a cleaning by a dentist within 6 months of the hygienist visiting your school, your child will not be seen by our hygienist during our scheduled visit to your child(ren)'s school(s) because he/she has already been seen elsewhere.

If interested, visit <https://www.hps-sc.com/form/?DN=6> to complete the online form