Magnificent Smile: Innovations to Increase Oral Health Access

Utah

Oral Health Innovation

- Dental Managed Care
- University of Utah School of Dentistry
- Targeted Adult Medicaid-Dental Services for Individuals with Substance Use Disorder
Division of Medicaid and Health Financing

- The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) is designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as the Medicaid “Single State Agency.”

- The Division of Medicaid and Health Financing (DMHF), within UDOH, is responsible for the administration of the Medicaid program.

- The Division also administers the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Who Does Medicaid/CHIP Cover?

305,000 Individuals
Dental Managed Care

• 2011-Statute directs Medicaid to procure at least two dental managed care plans for pregnant women and children.

• September 2013 Implemented Dental Managed Care only in Utah’s Urban Wasatch Front Counties under a 1915(b) Waiver.

• 2016- SB 39-Medicaid Coverage for Dental Services added benefits for adults with disabilities or blindness

Dental Managed Care

• Fall 2018 Issued new RFP for Dental Managed Care

• January 1, 2019-implemented Dental Managed Care Statewide and moved individuals with disabilities or blindness to Dental Managed Care.

• July 2019- 197,429 individuals enrolled in dental managed care
University of Utah School of Dentistry

• 2019- SB 11- Medicaid Dental Coverage Amendments adds dental services for individuals age 65 and older to be provided by the University of Utah School of Dentistry and their affiliated network of dental providers.

• 1115 Amendment submitted June 28, 2019

Dental Services for Targeted Adult Medicaid with Substance Use Disorder

• **FLOSS** Program-Facilitating a Lifetime of Oral Health Sustainability for Substance Use Disorder Patients and Families

• HRSA Workforce Training Program- University of Utah, School of Dentistry

• First Step House and Odyssey House – residential treatment facilities participated in the study
Dental Services for Targeted Adult Medicaid with SUD

- Individuals ages 20-50 who self identified or identified by case workers as having major dental needs.
- 803 participants from 2015-2017
- Heroin, Methamphetamine, or Alcohol drugs of choice

RESULTS
- Increase in completion of SUD treatment
- Increase in employment
- Increase in drug abstinence
- Reduction in homelessness
- [https://jada.ada.org/article/S0002-8177(19)30132-1/fulltext](https://jada.ada.org/article/S0002-8177(19)30132-1/fulltext)
Dental Services for Targeted Adult Medicaid with SUD

- HB 435 Directed UDOH to seek an 1115 waiver to continue the efforts of the FLOSS program for Targeted Adult Medicaid in SUD Treatment
- Implemented January 1, 2019
- Individuals are identified by SUD treatment providers
- Services are provided by the U of U School of Dentistry and their provider network

Next Steps

- Implementation of dental services for individuals age 65 and older
- Possible appropriation request to add dental services for all adults
- Evaluation of Dental Managed Care versus Fee for Service
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