Virginia’s Medicaid Smiles For Children Program

Virginia’s Smiles For Children (SFC) Medicaid dental program is recognized as one of the top oral health programs in the country. Children, 20 years of age and younger, enrolled in SFC receive comprehensive dental benefits. Expanded dental benefits are also provided to adult pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS. Limited dental benefits are provided for Medicaid members over age 21.

Beginning March 1, 2015, as a part of Governor Terry McAuliffe’s A Healthy Virginia program, Virginia’s nationally recognized Smiles For Children dental program began providing dental services to pregnant women age 21 and over enrolled in Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS. As a result, over 13,000 pregnant women have utilized dental services. DentaQuest serves as the Dental Benefits Administrator for the Smiles For Children program.

Virginia’s Smiles For Children program offers benefits to over 900,000 Virginians

Virginia ranks in the top third of states for children ages 0-20 receiving any dental service and children receiving preventive dental services.

Virginia National Ranking for Members Receiving Any Dental Service
17

Virginia National Ranking for Members Receiving Any Preventative Dental Service
13

Virginia National Ranking for Members Receiving a Sealant on Permanent Molar Teeth
27

*CT and ND have not released data for 2015 yet, impacting the rankings

13,000+ pregnant women received needed dental care.

Percent Medicaid & CHIP Enrollees Ages 2-21 Who Received a Dental Visit in 2015

90th Percentile
65.89%

Virginia Average
64.88%

National Average
48.26%

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Virginia continues to surpass the national average for children who receive a dental visit:

48.2% National Average

64.88% Virginia Children

2015 Data
Comparison of the utilization of dental services by SFC members to the utilization of dental services by state employees

Preventive Utilization

Children ages 1-20 with a preventive dental visit

- SFC Members: 25%
- State Employee: 38%
- Benefit Members: 26%
- Comparable Market A: 55%
- Comparable Market B: 12%
- Comparable Market C: 26%

Comparative Market – a market with similar population size and benefit structure

Children ages 1-2 with a preventive dental visit

- SFC Members: 25%
- State Employee: 38%
- Benefit Members: 26%
- Comparable Market A: 55%
- Comparable Market B: 12%
- Comparable Market C: 26%

Children under age 3 receiving fluoride varnish

- SFC Members: 72%
- State Employee: 55%
- Benefit Members: 44%
- Comparable Market A: 55%
- Comparable Market B: 10%
- Comparable Market C: 15%

Number of non-dental providers administering fluoride varnish

- SFC Members: 65%
- State Employee: 55%
- Benefit Members: 44%
- Comparable Market A: 55%
- Comparable Market B: 10%
- Comparable Market C: 15%

28% of the state’s licensed dentists participate in the Smiles For Children network (2,000 dentists)