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MEMORANDUM

TO: Federally Qualified Health Centers

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SUBJECT: FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS AND SCHOOL-BASED
DENTAL SERVICES

The purpose of this memo is to clarify reimbursement for school-based dental services provided by employees of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

For a dental service to be reimbursable at the FQHC prospective payment rate, the service must be:

- A covered service;
- Provided to an eligible recipient;
- Provided by a dentist licensed in Hawaii;
- Provided through a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) mobile van that has also been approved by the Med-QUEST Division (MQD);
 - If the service is provided outside of a HRSA and MQD approved setting, the service is reimbursable at the fee-for-service rate.
- For a screening examination, minimally inclusive of but not necessarily limited to an oral examination, diagnosis and assessment of any oral disease or injuries, oral hygiene instructions, dietary counseling relating to dental health, and injury prevention counseling. Appropriate reading materials and a toothbrush, at no charge to the patient, are included in the screening fee. Preventive education and assessment shall be included as follows, by age:

- Age twelve to twenty-four months – complete the clinical oral exam and appropriate diagnostic tests to assess oral growth and development and/or pathology; provide oral hygiene counseling for parents, guardians and caregivers; remove supra-and subgingival stains or deposits as indicated; assess the child's systemic fluoride status and provide fluoride supplementation if indicated, following drinking water analysis; assess appropriateness of feeding practices; provide dietary counseling relating to oral health; provide injury prevention counseling for orofacial trauma (play objects, pacifiers, car seats, etc.); provide counseling for oral habits (digit, pacifiers, etc.); provide diagnosis and required treatment for any oral disease or injuries; provide anticipatory guidance for parent/guardian; assess topical fluoride status and give parental counseling; provide injury prevention counseling for orofacial trauma (learning to walk, run, etc.);
- Age two to six years - repeat twelve to twenty-four month procedures every six months or as indicated by individual patient's needs/susceptibility to disease; provide age-appropriate oral hygiene instructions; complete a radiographic assessment of pathology and/or abnormal growth and development, as indicated for individual patient's needs; scale and clean the teeth every six months or as indicated by the individual patient's needs; provide topical fluoride treatments every six months or as indicated by the individual patient's needs; provide pit and fissure sealants for permanent teeth as indicated by the individual patient's needs; provide counseling and services (athletic mouth guards) as needed for orofacial trauma prevention; provide assessment/treatment or referral of developing malocclusion as indicated by individual patient's needs; treat any oral disease/habits/injuries as indicated;
- Age six to twelve years - repeat two to six year procedures every six months or as indicated by individual patient's needs/susceptibility to disease; provide injury prevention counseling/services for orofacial trauma (sports activities); and
- Age twelve to twenty years - repeat six to twelve year procedure every six months or as indicated by individual patient's needs/susceptibility to disease;
- Coordinated with the Department of Education;
- Accessible to all students regardless of students' household income or insurance status;
- Billed to commercial, private or other dental insurance for all students seen who have such insurance; and
- Sufficiently documented to support that these criteria are met.

If you have questions, please contact Cyrca Dental at 1-800-460-3343.