

Oral Health In Delaware

Building a Vision

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AGENDA

- Access
- Vision
- Bridging the gap
 - Developing a plan to reach our Vision
- Next steps
- Adjourn

ACCESS

- All members of the Delaware population, regardless of age, ability, or financial status, will receive appropriate oral health care
- Care should be continuous and lifelong, and include:
 - Prevention
 - Education
 - Routine treatment
 - Specialty care
 - Urgent care
 - Emergency care

ACCESS

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- Care should be provided in a timely manner and available at times consistent with demand
- Services should be provided within the community where people are, utilizing traditional and non-traditional settings
- Services should be provided in a culturally accessible manner

VISION

- The population (consumer and professional) will understand the importance of oral health to systemic health
- Oral health care will be available as part of a comprehensive health care system, and fully integrated with medical care
- The delivery of oral health care services will be consistent with current science, evidence-based, and monitored for efficacy and quality
- Workforce planning and design should ensure that composition and supply address the needs of the entire population
- Access to oral health care will be improved through financing strategies that address coverage and reimbursement
- Oral health care will be provided in a manner that assures accessibility

VISION

- The population (consumer and professional) will understand the importance of oral health to systemic health
 - public awareness
 - oral health literacy
 - advocacy for oral health will be carried out collaboratively by medical/dental professionals; lay workers; educators; community influentials

VISION

- Oral health care will be available as part of a comprehensive health care system and integrated with medical care
 - cross-training in basic preventive skills for all health care providers
 - care coordination within and across sectors
 - use of fully functional, integrated electronic health records
 - inclusion in the state health information network

VISION

- The delivery of oral health care services will be consistent with current science and monitored for efficacy and quality
 - oral health surveillance will be conducted across the lifespan to monitor oral health status
 - models of oral health care delivery will be consistent with evidence-based and best practices
 - models of oral health care delivery will ensure quality through the development/implementation of standards and evaluation
 - systems of care will be structured to address community need

VISION

- Workforce planning and design should ensure that composition and supply address the needs of the entire population
 - workforce availability will be routinely monitored and adjustments to the workforce considered as necessary
 - availability of personnel will be maximized through utilization of providers to the full extent of training and/or licensure
 - members of the workforce will have access to training that will enable the delivery of culturally accessible, integrated care

VISION

- Access to oral health care will be improved through financing strategies that address coverage and reimbursement
 - coverage for high-risk populations
 - reimbursement for preventive services
 - inclusion in comprehensive insurance programs
 - inclusion in essential benefits offered on the Exchange

VISION

- Oral health care will be provided in a manner that assures accessibility
 - providers will be trained to provide culturally competent care
 - care will be delivered in traditional and non-traditional community-based settings (where the people are)

Surgeon General's Report

- Change perceptions regarding oral health and disease so that oral health becomes an accepted component of general health.
- Apply science effectively to improve oral health.
- Build an effective health infrastructure that meets the oral health needs of all and integrates oral health effectively into overall health.
- Remove known barriers between people and oral health services.
- Use public-private partnerships to improve the oral health of those who still suffer disproportionately from oral diseases.