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 **VERMONT** AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES
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The

Dental Dozen

State Fiscal Year 2008

12 Targeted Initiatives to Improve Oral Health for all Vermonters

The Dental Dozen—State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2008

1) *Ensure Oral Health Exams for School-age Children*

Reinforce the importance of oral health exams for school-age children to encourage appropriate preventive care and reduce utilization of more costly dental procedures by partnering with the Department of Education (DOE) to produce and distribute educational materials.

Lead: VDH Start Date: 7/1/2008
SFY 2008 Investment: N/A



2) *Increase Dental Reimbursement Rates*

Increase Vermont Medicaid reimbursement rates to stabilize current provider network, encourage new dentists to enroll as Medicaid providers and encourage enrolled dentists to see more Medicaid beneficiaries.

Lead: OVHA Start Date: 1/1/2008
SFY 2008 Investment: \$637,862

3) *Reimburse Primary Care Physicians for Oral Health Risk Assessments*

Vermont Medicaid will reimburse Primary Care Providers (PCP) for performing Oral Health Risk Assessments (OHRAs) to promote preventive care and increase access for children from 0-3.

Lead: OVHA Start Date: 1/1/2008
SFY 2008 Investment: \$40,000

4) *Place Dental Hygienists in all 12 District Health Offices*

Dental Hygienists will be placed in the 12 District Health Offices.

Lead: VDH Start Date: 1/1/2008
SFY 2008 Investment: \$48,000

5) *Selection/Assignment of a Dental Home for Children*

Selecting/Assigning a primary dentist to each child allows for the same continuity of care as assigning a Primary Care Physician (PCP) for health improvement.

Lead: OVHA Start Date: 1/1/2008
SFY 2008 Investment: \$225,000*

6) *Enhance Outreach*

Perform outreach activities that create awareness and understanding of the Dental Dozen, and support implementation and operation of the initiatives.

Lead: VDH/OVHA
SFY 2008 Investment: TBD



Start Date: 7/1/2007

7) *Codes for Missed Appointments/Late Cancellations*

Implementation of codes for missed appointments/late cancellations.

Lead: OVHA Start Date: 1/1/2008
SFY 2008 Investment: \$25,000*

8) *Automation of Medicaid Cap Information for Adult Benefits*

Allows enrolled dentists to access Medicaid Cap information for adult benefits automatically.

Lead: OVHA Start Date: 1/1/2008
SFY 2008 Investment: \$25,000*

9) *Loan Repayment Program*

Recruitment and retention program; encourages new dentists to locate to Vermont.

Lead: VDH Start Date: 7/1/2007
SFY 2008 Investment: \$195,000

10) *Scholarships*

Encourage new dentists to practice in Vermont and work with Medicaid beneficiaries.

Lead: VDH Start Date: 7/1/2007
SFY 2008 Investment: \$20,000

11) *Access Grants*

Recognizes and rewards dentists who expand access to benefit Medicaid beneficiaries.

Lead: VDH Start Date: 7/1/2007
SFY 2008 Investment: \$70,000

12) *Supplemental Payment Program*

Recognizes and rewards dentists serving high volumes of Medicaid beneficiaries.

Lead: OVHA Dates: 10/2007 & 4/2008
SFY 2008 Investment: \$292,000

*One-Time Technical Investment

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information contact the Office of Vermont Health Access (OVHA) or the Vermont Department of Health (VDH), Division of Health Improvement, Office of Oral Health.