Oral Health: State of the State

The Oral Health Role of Federally-Quality Health Centers

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FQHC BACKGROUND
FQHC Basics

- Safety-net primary care practices
- Provide a comprehensive set of services;
- Private, not-for-profit organization or public entity;
- Be located in a medically underserved area (MUA), serve a medically underserved population (MUP), or be located in frontier communities;
- Have a consumer-based governance structure.
- See patients regardless of ability to pay
- Offer a sliding fee schedule based on income

FQHCs = Quality and Affordability

- 23 million patients served annually in the US
- 93% of patients fall below 200% FPL
- 36% are uninsured

- 1.1 million patients
- 94% below 200% FPL
- 51% are uninsured

61 of 73 FQHCs in Texas provide Dental Services
Texas FQHC Patients

**Patient Insurance**
- Medicare: 6%
- Other Public/CHIP: 7%
- Private: 11%
- Medicaid: 25%
- Uninsured: 51%

**Patient Income**
- Over 200% FPL: 6%
- 151-200% FPL: 6%
- 101-150% FPL: 16%
- 100% FPL and Below: 72%

**Patient Race**
- White: 82.5%
- African American: 14.2%
- Asian / Pacific Islander: 1.8%
- More than 1 Race: 1.2%
- American Indian / Alaska Native: 0.3%

**Dental Patients & Encounters**

![Graph showing dental patients and encounters from 2009 to 2013.](image-url)
### Top 5 Dental Services at Texas FQHCs

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<th>Service</th>
<th># Visits</th>
<th># Patients</th>
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<td>Oral Exams</td>
<td>231,156</td>
<td>170,487</td>
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<td>Restorative Services</td>
<td>113,835</td>
<td>55,776</td>
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<td>Prophylaxis Adult or Child</td>
<td>102,960</td>
<td>77,531</td>
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<td>Rehabilitative Services Endo, Perio, Prostho, Ortho</td>
<td>70,569</td>
<td>34,757</td>
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<td>Oral Surgery Extractions and other Surgical Procedures</td>
<td>69,016</td>
<td>47,655</td>
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**HOT TOPIC AREAS**
Standards of Care

- Payment for services
  - Medicaid PPS
  - Uninsured
  - Medicare
  - Private Payors

- Dentist / Hygienist visits cannot be on same day

- Sedation uncommon in FQHC setting

Quality Reporting

- Meaningful Use
- Uniform Data System
- Process vs. Outcome Measures
## Quality Reporting

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<td><strong>Annual Dental Visit</strong></td>
<td><strong>Children who have dental caries or cavities</strong></td>
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<td>Children who received preventive dental visit</td>
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<td>Oral evaluation</td>
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<td>Dental sealants, various age groups</td>
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<td>Topical fluoride for children at elevated caries risk</td>
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<td>Primary caries prevention intervention at well/ill visit offered by PCP</td>
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<td>Utilization of services</td>
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Oral Health Integration

Communication, Integration, Shared Responsibility
QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

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