

DENTAQUEST PARTNERSHIP NEWS

**DENTAQUEST PARTNERSHIP
FOR ORAL HEALTH
ADVANCEMENT
INVESTS \$2.8M IN ORAL
HEALTH INITIATIVES**



The DentaQuest Partnership recently announced its investment of \$2.8 million in organizations across the U.S. dedicated to improving the oral health of all. The announcement captured grants awarded in the second quarter of 2019, with a total of \$8.9 million awarded to-date in 2019 and additional funding to be awarded through the end of the year.

Our grantmaking strategy focuses on investments that drive systems change in oral

health through national and community-based initiatives in key focus areas and through partnerships and network development, including [OPEN – the Oral Health Equity and Progress Network](#). OPEN's nearly 2,000 members advance changes that improve poor oral health outcomes and address significant health disparities against a set of [collective goals](#). The majority of the second quarter grants supported oral health organization and stakeholder participation in OPEN at the local, state and national levels.

Read the full [press release](#) and share it on social media.

Watch the video below to learn more about how the DentaQuest Partnership is driving systems change.



Congratulations to our 2019 John Rossetti Centers of Excellence

Each year our Safety Net Solutions program recognizes safety net dental programs that have displayed tremendous leadership and excellence in oral health practice management and significantly improved their operations in the areas of finance, access and outcomes. The 2019 John Rossetti Centers of Excellence award winners are:

- [Community Health Centers of South Central Texas](#)
- [MarillacHealth \(Colorado\)](#)
- [ReGenesis Health Care \(South Carolina\)](#)

We look forward to honoring each organization for their achievements at the 2019 NNOHA Conference on October 15.



New Medicaid and Commercial Data Will Advance Oral Health Research

The DentaQuest Partnership recently purchased a perpetual license for the IBM Watson MarketScan Multi-State Medicaid Database and the IBM MarketScan Commercial Claims and Encounters Database. This continues our efforts to build a comprehensive data warehouse of integrated dental and medical claims, and will enable us to conduct and disseminate actionable research that is revolutionary in oral health. These data sets are

truly 'big' - each containing claims from more than 15 million patients and can be used to answer a host of questions on oral health over the lifetime, the impact of oral health on overall health and value-based care.



PERSON-CENTERED CARE

Continuing Education Webinar: Oral Health & the Opioid Epidemic

Our August 29 webinar will feature a panel of presenters that highlight how the dental industry is working to address the opioid epidemic and will provide guidance for dental providers on appropriate prescribing patterns and best practices for treating dental pain. [Register](#) today.

New Oral Health Value-based Care Module

Interested in learning more about how value-based care translates to the oral health environment? Check out our new [module](#) in the [Special Topics Series](#) and begin to understand how you can prepare for a new system of care and finance in dentistry. Free CEUs are available.

Primary Care Practices are Transforming Oral Health Care Delivery

Our Analytics and Evaluation team's recent analysis shows that 7% of Medicaid enrolled children ages five and younger had an oral health assessment during a well-child visit in 2017. Review the full [infographic](#), and stay tuned for an expanded policy brief on the topic.

Happy National Health Center Week!

Health center advocates across the country are celebrating the integral role Community Health Centers (CHCs) play in addressing the

healthcare needs of our nation's most vulnerable populations. The DentaQuest Partnership has been collaborating with CHCs for over a decade to develop and test innovative solutions that result in increased access to care and improved health outcomes, and we are proud to honor them this week.

For the last eight years, we have supported health centers and other safety net clinics through various initiatives, including the [National Oral Health Innovation and Integration Network](#) (NOHIIN). NOHIIN is leading a national movement to unify and empower Primary Care Associations (PCAs) and safety net providers to be champions of oral health as an essential component of overall health. Since 2015, the number of patients receiving dental services in a FQHC has grown by 18%. Although the majority of patients accessing care at FQHCs are receiving medical services, dental patients now make up nearly 23% of the FQHC patient population compared to just 10% in 2007. [Click here](#) to read more.



ADULT DENTAL BENEFIT

OPEN Member Advocacy Tool

The Oral Health Progress & Equity Network (OPEN) recently released a new member advocacy tool, the [Congressional Engagement Matrix](#), that provides information on every member of Congress, Senate and House staff, and the committees/subcommittees with jurisdiction over various aspects of oral health. A [user guide](#) for the matrix is also available.

New Oral Health Advocacy Resources

DentaQuest Partnership grantee Families USA recently developed a [short analysis](#) on oral health coverage in the 2019 legislature, as well as an [August Recess Toolkit for Oral Health](#). Advocates can join Families USA (@FamiliesUSA) and Children's Dental Health Project (@Teeth_Matter) on August 20 at 3 p.m. ET for a Twitter Chat to learn more about these tools.



NATIONAL MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

Caries Risk Assessment & Disease Management

Caries risk assessment is an important part of measuring oral health and managing dental disease. Check out modules 3 and 4 in our [Disease Management Series](#) to learn more about risk assessment and disease management. Free CEUs are available.

INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Promoting Oral Health in Schools: A Resource Guide

The National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center (OHRC) at Georgetown University recently released [Promoting Oral Health in Schools: A Resource Guide](#) (fourth edition). This guide features descriptions and links to materials on care, dental sealants, education, fluorides, program development, surveillance, and federally funded project final reports.

New Resource on Opioids and Pain Management

The OHRC has also released a new resource, [Opioids and Children and Adolescents: Information for Oral Health Professionals](#), that provides best practices for care on drugs to recommend before prescribing opioids and information about prescribing opioids with caution and being aware of the potential for misuse or abuse.

Proposed Changes to HRSA UDS Clinical Measures

The Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) recently released [proposed changes](#) to the Uniform Data System (UDS) clinical measures, including a change to the sealant measure. Comments to these changes must be submitted by September 24, 2019.

Integrating Oral and General Health Through Health Literacy Practices: Proceedings of a Workshop

Last year, the Roundtable on Health Literacy of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine held a workshop that featured invited presentations and discussion on the ways in which health literacy principles and practices can facilitate the integration of oral and general health. [Click here](#) to read the recently published proceedings.

Webinar: HIV & Oral Health | August 20

The National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) is hosting a webinar on August 20 from 1-2 p.m. ET that will discuss oral health for patients with HIV. [Click here](#) to register.

2019 NNOHA Conference | October 13-16

The DentaQuest Partnership is proud to be a platinum sponsor of the [2019 NNOHA Annual Conference](#) taking place October 13-16 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference will feature four days of invaluable professional development through world-class clinical, practice management and hands-on learning sessions, inspiring plenary speakers, and abundant networking opportunities with colleagues and oral health vendors. We hope to see you there!

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