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PREVENTATIVE DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM

2021/2022 School Year

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

A dental program will be provided in your child’s school. It will help stop tooth decay. This program is provided at no cost to the Parent/Legal Guardian. **Medicaid will be billed, if your child is eligible.** The goal of the program is to teach children how to properly clean their teeth, provide a fluoride treatment and place dental sealants on permanent molars, if needed. Dental sealants are safe, painless, easy to apply and stop cavities. Sealants are approved by the American Dental Association.

A licensed dental hygienist from the HANDS Pediatric Dental Program or Florida Department of Health in Saint Lucie County will provide Dental Sealants for your child’s teeth. Your child will not be given any sedatives, shots, medications or x-rays. If your child has cavities, the cavities will need to be treated by a dentist in a dental office. A letter will be sent home with your child describing what was done and what follow-up care is needed.

This program should not replace a complete check-up in a dental office.

Please print: Teacher’s name _____ Grade _____ School _____

Child’s name _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address/zip code _____ Phone number _____

Does your child have Medicaid? Yes No. Child’s Medicaid number is _____

Race/Ethnicity: White Black/African American Asian Hispanic
 American Indian/Alaska Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Other

Child’s Health History:

Yes No Has your child received a dental checkup or dental care within the last year? If yes, dentist name _____ Address _____ Office phone _____

Yes No Has your child been seriously ill? List all serious illnesses _____

Yes No Is your child allergic to anything? List _____

Yes No Is your child taking any medications? List _____

Yes No Has your child ever been seen in a hospital emergency room for a dental problem?

Yes No Is there anything else we should know about your child? If yes, please explain. _____

CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I do hereby consent to Florida Department of Health in Saint Lucie County and HANDS Pediatric Dental Program, any physician or health care provider or authorized agent, examining or treating my child to use or disclose protected health information for Medicaid payment, if eligible, for such treatment or health care operations, including release to any third party payer. This may include any and all information pertaining to payment.

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THE ABOVE CONSENT AND THE RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE OF PRIVACY RIGHTS AND CONSENT TO DENTAL TREATMENT OF ABOVE CHILD.

Yes, I want my child to participate. Signature x _____

**Anyone other than a natural parent giving consent for treatment must provide legal documentation of guardianship.

Please print parent/guardian name here _____ parent/guardian date of birth _____

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HANDS of St. Lucie County

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The services being offered are not a substitute for a comprehensive dental exam by a dentist.

Sealants ...for Healthy Smiles

What Is A Sealant?

A sealant is a thin plastic coating that keeps food and germs out of the chewing surfaces of the teeth and helps protect teeth from getting cavities.

Which Teeth Are Sealed?

Back teeth are known as molars and premolars. These teeth need to last a lifetime.

When Should Teeth Be Sealed?

A sealant needs to be placed as soon as the permanent tooth appears in the mouth, usually around five or six years old, or as soon as possible.

How Are Sealants Applied?

The chewing surfaces of the teeth are cleaned to help the sealant stick to the tooth. The sealant is painted into the grooves of the chewing surface, where it bonds to the tooth. A special light is shined onto the tooth to help the sealant harden.

How Long Do Sealants Last?

Sealants will usually last about five years; some longer. Sealants should be checked once a year and replaced if part or all of the sealant is missing.



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