MISSISSIPPI’S CHILDREN – ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN ORAL HEALTH, SELF CONFIDENCE AND SO MUCH MORE!

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Pediatric Dentistry is an age-defined specialty that provides both primary and comprehensive preventive and therapeutic oral health care for infants and children through adolescence, including those with special health care needs.
PEDIATRIC DENTISTS-EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Satisfactorily complete a minimum of 24 months in an advanced education program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association

- Such programs “must be designed to provide special knowledge and skill beyond the DDS or DMD training…” ¹
OPTIMAL ORAL HEALTH FOR MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN

• Behavior Guidance
• Care of the Medically and Developmentally Compromised and Disabled Patient
• Supervision of the Orofacial Growth and Development
• Caries Prevention
• Sedation
• Pharmacological Management
• Hospital Dentistry
The Reference Manual of Pediatric Dentistry

• Pediatric Dentist
• General Dental Practitioners and other Dental Specialists
• Physicians and other health care providers
• Government Agencies and other health care policy makers
• Individuals interested in the oral healthcare of children
We are the Pediatricians of Dentistry!
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAID AND PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

- MAPD Membership Survey Results
  - Medicaid Provider Number: 95%
  - CHIPS Provider Number: 98%
  - Participating with ALL current Medicaid MCOs: 83%

- The positives of what we do for Medicaid:
  - Excellent quality dental care
  - Prevention focused = Cost savings for the state

Dentist Participation in Medicaid or CHIP on a National Level

43% OF U.S. DENTISTS participate in Medicaid or CHIP for child dental services
CHALLENGES WE FACE

- Adjustments to codes
  - Impact on access to care - Hospitals and/or Ambulatory Surgery Centers
- Increasing costs on dentists to provide dental care, while reimbursement remains stagnant
- More uniform comprehensive coverage
LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Our goal:
- Non-disruptive access to an anesthesia facility when it is vital for treatment
- More open working relationships and communications with the MS Division of Medicaid and Managed Care Organizations in order to work through challenges together at an expeditious pace
- Quality dental care for the children of Mississippi at an adequate reimbursement rate that is affordable for the state
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Thank you!