

Budget Initiative Fact Sheet

Office: Maine Centers for Disease Control

Date: 12/13/11

Program Title: Fund for a Healthy Maine – Oral Health

Initiative #: 7489

Account: 014-10A-095301

I. Program Description:

This initiative proposes to transfer funding from the Fund for a Healthy Maine – Oral Health program and redistribute to the Fund For a Healthy Maine – Medical Care account.

1) Overview of the program:

- a. Dental Services Subsidy Program (\$350,000): subsidizes dental care provided at nonprofit clinics to low income patients who have no insurance.
- b. School Oral Health Program (\$250,000): provides funds to schools based on community risk guidelines for classroom education, fluoride mouth rinse and dental sealant application.

2) What is purchased with these funds:

- a. Dental Services Subsidy Program: provides a subsidy or offset to eligible community organizations providing care to eligible individuals (who have no insurance for dental care and are low-income (below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level)).
- b. School Oral Health Program: provides funds to schools and school districts based on community risk guidelines to assist them to implement classroom-based oral health education programming in grades K-6, a weekly fluoride mouth rinse program in grades K-4 and a dental sealant program for second graders. Washington and Aroostook counties have been a priority for funding.

What is the service delivery?

- c. Dental Services Subsidy Program: contractors provide detailed invoices that document care provided to eligible individuals and are paid accordingly within the limits of funds allocated to this program.
- d. School Oral Health Program: schools and community agencies are contracted to provide program components.

II. Relevant Legislative History:

- a. Dental Services Subsidy Program: was established by legislation in 1999/2000 (22 MRSA § 2127) and rules (10-144, ch 295) with initial funding in 2001. Current funding is 350,000 annually.
- b. School Oral Health Program: funding first authorized by the Dental Education Act in 1975.

III. Financial Information:

4 Years of Spending:

	SFY'08	SFY'09	SFY'10	SFY'11	SFY'12	SFY'13
General Fund						
Fund for a Healthy Maine	1,043,143	991,953	927,453	925,047	600,000	600,000
Federal Funds						
Total	1,917,512	2,242,189	2,318,547	2,291,188	1,448,610	1,168,610

Other sources of funding for program, i.e. FHM? Yes No

IV. Total Individuals Served:

- a. Dental Services Subsidy Program: In SFY 12, six contracted organizations provided dental services at 12 sites. In FY 10, 13 organizations participated, with over 33,700 dental services provided at 18 locations to an estimated 18,407 individuals. In FY 11, at 19 locations, they provided just under 37,000 dental services to 19,259 people.
- b. School Oral Health Program: In SFY 11 (the 2010-11 school year), 77 school districts reached 23,248 children in grades K-4 in over 230 schools. Of these children, 75 percent participated in the mouth rinse program. About half of participating schools are funded to offer dental sealants to second graders. The average number of children served has been about 1,000 each year, with each child receiving an average of 3.3 sealants.

V. Program Eligibility Criteria:

- a. Dental Services Subsidy Program: Community-based dental clinics are eligible to participate, within the limits of existing funds. They must be able to meet program reporting requirements, see MaineCare eligible patients and offer dental services on a sliding-fee scale. Patients for whom a subsidy is claimed must have no insurance for dental care and be below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.
- b. School Oral Health Program: eligibility is determined at the school or community level. School eligibility is determined based on the proportion of students eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program and the extent of fluoridated public water as primary factors. Schools where children are more likely to have problems getting dental care because of socio-economic status and the ability to obtain that care are priorities. Grants are made according to a per capita funding formula.

VI. Current Budget Proposal:

1) Appropriation Increase: \$

2) Appropriation Decrease: (\$600,000)

3) Description of Budget Proposal:

This initiative proposes to transfer funding from the Fund for a Healthy Maine – Oral Health program and redistribute to the Fund For a Healthy Maine – Medical Care account.

4) Percent of the reduction vs. total funding for the program: 51 percent

5) Any contracts impacted? Yes No

If yes, which ones?

VII. Maintenance of Effort Requirements? Yes No

VIII. Q & A follow-up after committee session held on _____
Date