Is the dental Plan for HUSKY Health and is administered by BeneCare Dental Plans under a contract with the Connecticut Department of Social Services.
Our Mission: Enable all HUSKY Health members to achieve and maintain good oral health, by:

- Member Service and Care Coordination
- Respectful and Culturally Sensitive Communication
- Collaborating
- Making it easy
- Focusing on Prevention

“We Care About Your Dental Health”
Did you know about Connecticut HUSKY Dental Plan.....

2nd Highest rate of preventative dental services for HUSKY Health members ages 1-20

#1 Highest rate of Oral Evaluation among ADA Dental Quality Alliance State Report (29 States from T-MSIS)

Above National Sample Average in Caries Risk Documentation and Topical Fluoride Application

CMS Source
State Infographics (ada.org)


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As easy as

A, B, C – Access to Baby Care

Oral Health Assessment and Fluoride Varnish application at WELL-CHILD VISITS

- Compliance with EPDST Schedule
- Medicaid Reimbursed
- Bridge to Dental Home

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History of the Grant

- DSS and CTDHP, representing Connecticut, was one of three states awarded a pilot PIOHQI grant in September 2013 along with West Virginia and New York. A week later the Federal Government shut down for 16 days. A year later 13 additional states received awards.

- The purpose of the grant was to provide a coordinated approach across Connecticut that addressed the comprehensive oral health needs of pregnant women and infants most at risk.

- The project worked with Community Partners, OB/GYN, pediatric and dental offices as well as directly with perinatal women. CT Voices for Children was the project evaluator. A Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Work Group including ACOG, AAP, CSDA and other stakeholders advised the project.

- Connecticut was a leader in working with other states and HRSA and was able to increase and maintain oral health utilization for perinatal women and young children past the March 2018 end date of the grant.
Review: HRSA Grant & Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Quality Improvement Project 2013–2018

**Aim:** Improve the oral health of perinatal women and young children (PW&YC) in HUSKY Health

**Strategies: Increase dental utilization by:**
- Recruit/train dental offices to provide services to perinatal women
- Outreach to OB/GYN’s to educate their patients about oral health/make referrals
- Outreach to pediatricians to educate their patients about oral health make referrals
- Outreach to community partners so that they will educate their PW&YC clients about oral health and make referrals

**Outcomes:**
- Developed materials including oral health kits for PW&YC
- Developed methodology to measure dental utilization for perinatal women
- Increased the number of dental offices seeing perinatal women
- Increased and maintained dental utilization for PW&YC
**Perinatal Oral Health**

**Dental care utilization by HUSKY Health Perinatal Women has stayed high since 2010.**

Note: 2019 data preliminary

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**HUSKY Health Perinatal Dental Utilization**

- **Any**
- **Preventive**
- **Treatment**

**Source:** Analyses of Connecticut’s HUSKY Program enrollment and claims data by Connecticut Dental Health Partnership (2014-19) and Connecticut Voices for Children (2005, 2010).

**CY2005 & 2010 Mothers identified by Connecticut Voices for Children using vital records linked with HUSKY enrollment data and claims.**

**CY2014-2019** Mothers identified by Connecticut Dental Health Partnership analysts using claims and enrollment records.

Perinatal period in this study is defined as 6 months before and 12 months after giving birth.
Utilization for Very Young Children – 3 and Under

- Standard of Care for children is first visit by age 1.
- Average Preventative Care Rate Children >3 per year since 2015 is 44%
- Good News! Treatment rates LOWERING year over year- trending to zero.
- Children’s utilization rates are rebounding from CY 2020.
ABC Program – Oral Health Assessment & Fluoride Varnish Outcomes

- 9 year average is 6% oral health assessment and 4% fluoride varnish.
- CY 2021 (8 mos. of data) promising, almost at total volume in CY 2020 suggests rebound.
- CTDHP reorganized effort in CY 21 dedicated staff and CMS Oral Affinity Group.
## Grant Sustainability Today: Adoption to “Standard Work” at CT Dental Health Partnership

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[Image: Connecticut Dental Health Partnership Logo]
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| Linking the OBGYN to Dentist during prenatal period | Providing “Prescription Pad” Referral Form from OBGYN to Dentist to dental evaluation and care to pregnant mom. | Prescription Pad  
2019: 152  
2020: 113  
2021: 2,016* As Part of “Medical Director” letter |

![Prescription Pad Image](image)

Got Doc?  
Ask your pediatrician about fluoride treatments for your child.

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To Be Completed by Your OB/GYN Physician:

Prenatal Care Provider: Phone:

DOB: Estimated Delivery Date:

This patient may have routine dental evaluation and care, including but not limited to:
- Oral health examination
- Dental prophylaxis
- Root canal treatment
- Dental x-ray with abdominal and neck lead shield
- Local anesthetic with ephedrine
- Restoration (amalgam or composite) fillings

Known Allergies: 

Precautions: None Specify (if any):

Patient may not have: (Check all that apply)
- Acetaminophen with codeine for pain control
- Other:

Patient may have: (Check all that apply)
- Pain control medication [Specify]:
  - Penicillin
  - Clindamycin
  - Amoxicillin
  - Erythromycin (Not estolate form)
  - Other:

DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL WITH QUESTIONS.

Signature: Date

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| **DPH WIC/DSS/CTDHP** | • Training WIC Staff  
• Member Referral Pathway to Care Coordination  
• Data Sharing on Outcomes  
• MOU to be executed                                                                 |
| **DCF/DSS/CTDHP**    | • MOU executed  
• Training to SWs, Health Care Advocates, CAFAF (in works)  
• Data Share on Children in Care without Dental Visit  
• Quarterly DCF Health Care Advocate & CTDHP DHCS                                                                                   |
| **OEC/DSS/CTDHP**    | • Nascent conversation in 2021- lots of opportunity!                                                                                                                                                   |
| **CHNC CT/CTDHP**    | • Data feed for Prenatal Member Engagement Calls  
• Co-Management in design/discussion phase  
• All ICM RN’s trained on CTHDP services and cross referrals happening regularly                                                        |
CTDHP Interventions: COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts

- Distributed 40,749 Oral Health Kits in 2020 – 10,000 to Foodshare
- 2 Newsletters to Members on COVID-19 and Oral Health sent to 310,000 English Speakers and 63,500 Spanish Speakers
- “You Don’t Have to Wait Until It Hurts” messaging in kits, social media, call center.
- CTDHP Call Center conducted outbound calls for At-Risk Husky Health Members and tagged COVID-19 Vaccine Information to all inbound calls.
- CTDHP.Org Dr. Tooth Fairy Blog launched
- March 2020 Children’s rate matched pre-pandemic rate for first time.
QUESTIONS?
THANK YOU

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