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Department of Health and Family Services

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Dear Provider:

In August 2002, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) an Oral Health Integrated Systems Development Grant. Grant collaborators include the Division of Health Care Financing (DHCF), UnitedHealthcare, Managed Health Services, Network Health Plan, Southeast Dental Associates (SEDA) and Doral Dental USA.

The four-year grant project is titled "Healthy Teeth for Mom and Me." With recent research linking maternal oral health to birth outcomes, and evidence that early childhood caries can have significant lifelong medical and social impacts, the project goals are to:

- Increase primary health care provider awareness as to the importance of oral health
- Improve oral health awareness among pregnant teens
- Increase utilization of preventive and restorative dental services by pregnant teens and infants

Goals will be accomplished by conducting on-site provider trainings at the Shafi Medical Center, Downtown Medical Center, 16<sup>th</sup> Street Health Center, Milwaukee Health Services and at SEDA and Doral Dental affiliated dental clinics. As a result of the trainings, providers will be able to conduct oral health risk assessments to identify patients in need of preventive or restorative dental services and make referrals as needed. In addition, they will be able to educate pregnant teens on the importance of good oral health. In caring for children under three years of age, providers will be able to recognize Early Childhood Caries, apply fluoride varnish, educate caregivers on the importance of good infant and toddler oral health and conduct age-appropriate anticipatory guidance.

To learn more about on-site provider trainings, or to request additional copies of this training manual, please contact me at 608.264.6754 or via e-mail at [dwyerra@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:dwyerra@dhfs.state.wi.us)

Regards,

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