Oral Health Workforce Update

A National Perspective

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Utilization of Dental Care

Note: Data for MD, AR, AZ, CT, TN, OR, CA are through 2011. Data for all other states are through 2012. Data for NE, NM, ME, KY, NY, and CA may not adequately capture dental visits within FQHCs in the calculation of the total number of children on Medicaid with a dental visit. Utilization rate for children with private dental benefits is for the U.S. and is based on most recent data available. CAGR is compound annual growth rate. FPL is federal poverty level.

Source: CMS (Medicaid 416) for state level Medicaid data; MEPS for utilization data for children with private dental benefits.
Note: Percent population in dental health professional shortage area is based on Health Resources and Services Administration definitions. 
Source: Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Health Resources and Services Administration.
Community Dental Health Coordinator

- 34 CDHCs in 9 states
- Community health workers with dental skills
- Utilizing already existing infrastructure-reducing no show rates in health centers
- Navigating patients into quality care
- Utilizing oral health literacy and reducing hospital ER visits for dental issues