Smart Investments in Oral Health: State Policy Options for Improving Care and Reducing Costs

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Purpose: Oral health is an important—but often neglected—component of overall health for both children and adults. The costs to individuals and states are significant. States have taken several steps to improve child and adult oral health and make wise use of state funds. This session highlights national trends, promising and cost-effective strategies for preventing dental disease, strategies for improving health outcomes and options for addressing oral health professional shortages.

Agenda

7:30-8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

8:00-8:30 a.m. Welcome, Introductions and Session Overview
Tabra Johnson, Policy Specialist, Health Program, National Conference of State Legislatures
Michael Monopoli, DMD, MPH, MS, Vice President of Foundation Programs, DentaQuest Foundation

8:30-9:15 a.m. State Oral Health Policy- A National Perspective
Marko Vujicic, PhD, Health Policy Institute, American Dental Association

9:15-9:45 a.m. Oral Health Care Coordination and Integration with Primary Care
Patricia Braun MD, MPH, FAAP Professor of Pediatrics, Family Medicine and Dental Medicine, Eastside Neighborhood Health Center, Denver Health

9:45-10:00 a.m. Break

10:00-11:25 a.m. Panel: Opportunities to Promote Access and Utilization
Moderator: Laura Tobler, Director-State Policy Research Division, National Conference of State Legislatures
Burton Edelstein DDS, MPH Senior Fellow in Public Policy in the Children’s Dental Health Project
Paul Glassman DDS, MA, MBA, Professor of Dental Practice, Director, Community Oral Health, Director, Pacific Center for Special Care, University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Ann Lynch, Director of Governmental Affairs, American Dental Hygienists’ Association
Patricia Braun MD, MPH, FAAP Professor of Pediatrics, Family Medicine and Dental Medicine, Eastside Neighborhood Health Center, Denver Health
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11:25-11:30 am Wrap Up and Complete Session Evaluation
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