

A photograph of a man in a bright green sweater holding a young child in a blue jacket up in the air. The child is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a bright, slightly blurred outdoor setting, possibly a beach or park.

# Managed Care Dental Project Update

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Health Care Oversight

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# Legislation

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Substitute Senate Bill 5883 (2017) required Health Care Authority (HCA) to:

Contract (through competitive procurement process) with licensed dental health plans or managed health care plans to provide dental services through a managed care delivery model

# Health Care Authority's Goals

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Increase access to comprehensive dental care for Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) clients

2017 utilization: Only 22% of adults and 56% of juveniles utilized services

Improve oral health outcomes

# Project Status

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Announced Apparently Successful Bidders (ASBs):

Dentegra/Delta

Amerigroup

MCNA

Began implementation activities with ASBs to ensure compliance with federal requirements

Finalized client/provider communication

Implementation on hold while budget impact is fully assessed

# Update: Other Dental Initiatives

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## Medicaid Transformation Project

Several Accountable Communities of Health working to increase access to oral health services and ensure that oral health included in whole person care

## Oral Health Connections pilot project

Provide additional oral health services for adults with diabetes and adult pregnant women

## Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) program

Expand program to serve children with disabilities through their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday (available now to all children through age 5)

## Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHAT) tribal program – SSB 5079

Allow DHATs to perform routine and preventive services at lower costs to tribes, in tribal settings



# Questions?

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