

Attachment 7

ABCD Program Description

The Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) Program was established to increase access to dental services for Medicaid-eligible Clients through age five. Substitute Senate Bill 6549 (2018) expanded the ABCD Program to include Clients age 6 to 12 with a disability. The Program's goal is to ensure positive dental experiences in early childhood will lead to lifelong practices of good oral health. The ABCD Program is a partnership between public and private sectors, such as the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA), the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), the University of Washington School of Dentistry (UW), Arcora, Washington State Dental Association (WSDA), local dental societies, and local health jurisdictions.

The design of the ABCD Program is to develop competency in dental practices to deliver dental services to children; and in primary medical care practices to provide oral health education, oral assessments and treatments, or refer for treatment.

HCA has contracted with UW to provide technical and procedural consultation, develop training curriculum and materials, and train dental providers to become ABCD Dental Champions. UW also issues and tracks all certifications for dental providers, dental champions, and medical Primary Care Providers (PCPs). UW also provides the Interim Therapeutic Restoration (ITR) certification. The UW sends a list of ABCD-certified providers to HCA and HCA places an indicator on the provider's ProviderOne profile which allows HCA to identify these providers as eligible for the enhanced ABCD rates.

HCA contracts with 26 Coordinators to perform community outreach, including identification and referral of eligible children to ABCD providers. These Coordinators are either a local health jurisdiction or a community agency. Each Coordinator has one or more Dental Champions. who works to recruit, and train, local general dentists to become ABCD-certified providers.

HCA also contracts with Arcora to provide centralized management of the ABCDE Program. Arcora also trains medical PCPs through in-office continuing education (1.5 hours) by Arcora, which educates providers on delivery of the following preventive services:

- Links between oral health and total health;
- Oral health screening and risk assessment;
- Providing oral health education and anticipatory guidance to clients and families;
- Application of topical fluoride;
- Billing; and
- Referrals for dental care.

ABCD PCP services are covered under the medical managed care or fee-for-service.

The ABCD Program covers the following dental services provided by an ABCD-certified dental provider:

- Family Oral Health Education

- Application of fluoride varnish
- Periodic oral evaluations, once every six months (six months must elapse between the comprehensive oral evaluation and the first periodic oral evaluation)
- Comprehensive oral evaluations, once per client, per provider or dental clinic, as an initial examination. HCA covers an additional comprehensive oral evaluation if the client has not been treated by the same provider or clinic within the past five years.
- Amalgam, resin, and glass ionomer restorations on primary teeth
- Prefabricated porcelain/ceramic crowns for anterior primary teeth as specified in current agency published documents
- Therapeutic pulpotomy
- Prefabricated stainless steel crowns on primary teeth, as specified in current agency published documents
- Resin-based composite crowns on anterior primary teeth
- ITRs performed by ABCD-certified, ITR-trained dentists
- Other dental-related services, as specified in current HCA-published documents including: ABCD Billing Guide, Dental-related services Billing Guide, and the Physician-related services Billing Guide.