

Payment for Medical and Dental Services

Policy/Approach:

SOHS is able to assist with the payment of certain health services under certain conditions, only if there is no other source of funding or other community resource available and if the budget allows. Services must be preauthorized, and payments are made based on approved fee schedules. The child must be currently enrolled in the program at the time any services are rendered.

Head Start Program Performance Standards:

1302.43 – Oral Health Practice

Our procedures are subject to adjustment based on Public Health needs or advisory from either our local, state or federal governing bodies. Any temporary modifications to procedures in this event will be documented and shared with staff.

Procedure:

- Insurance will be utilized, if available.
- All efforts will be made to assist families in applying for health coverage (e.g., Oregon Health Plan) when there is a possibility that the child may qualify.
- When available, community resources will be utilized (Children's Dental Clinic, Lions Club, Siskiyou Community Health and Dental Clinic, Rogue Community Health, La Clinica).
- Staff will contact Health Services when seeking to have Southern Oregon Head Start pay for medical or dental services.
- Preauthorization for services and the amount covered will be approved by the Health Manager, keeping in mind the limited budget available.
- The Health Manager will approve invoices from providers. Payment for preauthorized services are to be made according to the Head Start fee schedules.