

Facing the Problem

There are 41,000 Calhoun County residents with no dental coverage and 27,000 with only Medicaid Dental. Many of these 68,000 individuals have no access to badly-needed dental services.

No single provider can address the needs of so many people. Only by joining together, as a community, can we reverse the trend of poor dental care among our most vulnerable populations.

In any given year, 4,700 people will have a need for urgent dental services but be unable to pay for them. By joining the Initiative as a Dentist Leader, you're helping to ensure that needed dental services are received.



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*Providing Access to
Dental Services for the
Uninsured and
Underinsured*

The Dentists' Partnership



Access to Urgent Dental Care

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What commitment are Dentist Partners asked to make?

Dentist Partners make a *commitment of personal significance*. Partner Level members provide 4-7 volunteer visits per month; Advocate Level members provide 8 or more volunteer visits per month. Your practice, your schedule, and your preferences are unique; you can contribute in the way that works best for you. You provide the schedule you prefer over the next 12 months; once weekly, 1/2 day monthly, every Tuesday at 9:00am...it's up to you!

Why should you make this commitment?

You are uniquely qualified to make a difference. We have chosen you specifically because we feel that you can immediately and positively impact the dental health of the uninsured in *your city, our county*.



Our Commitment to You:

- We will work with you to determine your preference for scheduling of visits, intake and screening paperwork, etc.;
- We will schedule all appointments according to your preferences;
- We will place reminder calls to each patient before his/her appointment;
- We will work with each patient to identify and remove barriers to care, including transportation, childcare, language translation, etc.;
- Should a patient fail to appear for an appointment in your office, we will provide you with a \$25 no-show courtesy payment;
- We will work with you to ensure that your needs are met.

What difference can we make?

The Dentists' Partnership is one initiative of the Community Dental Access Initiative. This year alone, our goal is to provide 11,000 services to the 4,700 people we estimate to be in need. Through the Dentists' Partnership, you have the opportunity to contribute significantly to this effort. By coming together, the dental community can change the way the uninsured experience dental care in our county.

What are the benefits to members of the Dentists' Partnership?

- Priority enrollment in the Calhoun Health Plan *Plan B* basic medical coverage program for your patients who have urgent healthcare needs; and
- \$1,000 commitment bonus upon joining the Partnership at Partner or Advocate level; and
- \$1,000 annual resource fund for Partner level members (\$2,000 for Advocate Level members), to be used for a variety of needs, including supplies, training, equipment purchases, staff appreciation, etc.; and
- Reimbursement for the cost of services provided to patients aged 60 and over who are referred to you through the Calhoun County Senior Millage funded Dental Program; and
- Ongoing recognition, including a full-page ad in the five (5) local newspapers during Cover the Uninsured Week and other forms of recognition.

What do you have to do to join?

Simply tell us that you're interested and sign the letter of commitment. We'll do the rest!

