

Integrated Dental Home Initiative

Iowa Care (HF841) Dental Mandate:

By July 1, 2008 every Medicaid recipient who is a child 12 years of age or less must have a designated dental home.





Primary Prevention Through Public Health and Private Health Care Professionals

Dental Hygienists
Physicians
Physician Assistants
Nurse Practitioners
Nurses
Dietitians













Education and Care Coordination Through Title V agencies

An I-Smile coordinator located within each child health agency will serve as the oral health prevention expert and the liaison between private health care professionals, public health, families, and dental offices to ensure completion

of dental care.

Referrals to Dentists

An I-Smile referral network is established when every child is referred to a dentist within a year of having a dental screening from another health care professional







I-Smile Outcomes



Prevention

Various health professionals will provide children with oral screenings, education, anticipatory guidance, and or/preventive services.

Treatment

Through referrals from the I-Smile coordinators, dentists will serve as the providers of definitive evaluation and treatment.