



This year your child has an opportunity to once again participate in the **Caring for Kids** school-based cavity prevention program through Community Health Connections Family Health Centers.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

- Every school-aged child regardless of insurance status or ability to pay
- Any child that is a Mass Health member
- Any child that **does not** have dental insurance
- Any child that **does not** have a regular dental provider
- Any child that has dental insurance **yet** has circumstances preventing access to dental care

WHAT IS THE COST

The Caring for Kids dental program is free. **There is no direct cost to the patient. However if the child has insurance the insurance will be billed.**

PURPOSE

The Caring for Kids cavity prevention program will provide the following services in your child's school:

1. A dental examination: To check the teeth, mouth, and gums (up to 2 times in the school year)
2. X-rays: To check for cavities in between the teeth, to check infections on the root (as needed)
3. Fluoride treatment: Painted on the teeth to protect from cavities (up to 4 times in the school year)
4. Sealants: Placed on the chewing surface of the teeth to prevent cavities (as needed)
5. Teeth Cleaning: To remove plaque (up to 2 times in the school year)

What we do	What could happen	What we do to make sure there is no problem	What we do if there is a problem
Apply a fluoride Varnish to your child's teeth	Nausea, or gum tissue irritation after application of varnish.	Apply small amounts of varnish: the size of a ½ pea. The varnish is packed so that it is the right amount for the child.	Follow school emergency response protocol.
Put Sealants on your child's teeth	The material may cause irritation to the gums.	Follow directions to apply sealant correctly and do not let the material touch the gums.	Rinse the mouth with a lot of water. Follow school emergency response protocol.
Take X-Rays on your child's teeth	Your child can gag due to the size of the sensor. They can refuse to take the x-ray.**	Only prescribe x-rays as needed, to allow limited exposure to radiation.	Follow school emergency response protocol.

** If your child refuses x-ray's the doctor may not be able to provide a proper dental exam.

Your Responsibilities: The care provided in this program is only preventive. Preventive care is not meant to replace dental care. If your child needs dental treatment, this will be your responsibility. We will help you find a local dentist to get an appointment if you need help getting dental care for your child.

If your child needs a dentist, we will help you find a local dentist and get an appointment for care.

If you would like a copy of your Notice of Privacy, please visit our website @ chcfhc.org

Questions: If you want any further information about this program or have any questions please contact **Caring for Kids 978-878-8370.**

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SEND IN THE INFORMATION FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL**

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