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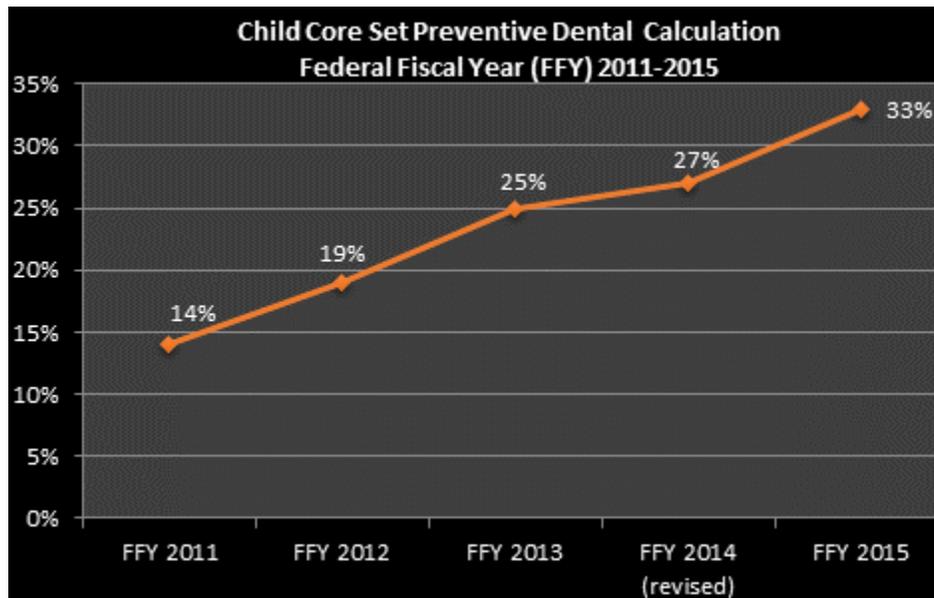
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AHCA Announces Child Core Set Preventive Dental Measures Have More Than Doubled Since 2011

~Agency Launches Initiative to Increase Utilization of Dental Services ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) Secretary Elizabeth Dudek announced that the state has already seen significant increases in preventive dental scores for children. During Governor Scott’s administration, the CMS 416 Child Core Set preventive dental service measure has improved significantly. In fact, the percentage for this measure has more than doubled over this time period.



The Agency announced this week, the launch of a new website and outreach campaign specifically focused on dental health care for children. The Agency is in the process of launching a social media campaign, developing brochures and other printed materials to be distributed at health fairs and other events.

Secretary Dudek said, “The Governor, along with the Agency, has put a major emphasis on dental services for children and it is reflected in our preventive dental performance measure ratings. As our state continues to improve our scores, we are excited to launch this new

campaign. Our multi-faceted approach will spread awareness about the dental benefits available to children and how to access those services. We are proud of our efforts and look forward to additional improvement in the coming years.”

This week, team members from the Agency will be attending the 2016 Oral Health Conference in Orlando. While at the conference, they will be promoting the Agency’s new campaign to continue to improve the preventative dental utilization rate in Medicaid health plans for children.

The primary focus is ensuring that children receive preventive dental services, it is important to note that most Managed Medical Assistance health plans offer expanded adult dental benefits that are not covered under fee-for-service Medicaid. This includes preventive dental services, something that adults in the program cannot traditionally access.

Recipients can learn more about the dental services available to their children, and find a dentist in their area, by visiting <http://ahca.myflorida.com/MedicaidDental> (or clicking the button below), and on [facebook.com/AHCAFlorida](https://www.facebook.com/AHCAFlorida) or twitter.com/ahca_fl



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