



## Senior Mobile Dental

### Multiple locations throughout Colorado

#### Program Overview

Senior Mobile Dental is a nonprofit organization focused on providing dental hygiene services to older adults. The organization aims to promote the importance of oral health and prevent many of the diseases that result from poor oral hygiene.

#### Program History and Development



In 2007, Senior Mobile Dental began bringing mobile dental equipment to community facilities to provide dental hygiene services. In 2013, the organization expanded its staff and services and added on-site full dental care. This includes preventive oral health care with cleanings and periodontal treatment, x-rays, examinations, fillings, extractions, and denture services. Dentists and registered dental hygienists focus on personalized, comfortable care for individuals using state-of-the-art mobile equipment.

In 2015, Senior Mobile Dental began their TeleDentistry program to increase access to care for underserved populations and integrate care between the medical and dental professions. The program is open to additional expansion.

#### Program Sustainability

- In the year 2015, Senior Mobile Dental partnered with On-Site Care in Minnesota to provide dental services to nursing home contracts.
- In past years, Senior Mobile Dental has partnered with Mission Medical Clinic, private dental offices, public housing, skilled and long term nursing facilities, and state agencies for older adults. Senior Mobile Dental has also received funding from the Old Age Pension and the Older Americans Act.
- The majority of the program's funding comes from state grants.
- The program provides services to low-income adults and to individuals who are covered by Medicaid.
- The annual budget of the program is \$640,000.
- The program is staffed by dentists, dental hygienists, denture technicians, and a full dental support team.

#### Program Impact

- In 2015, Senior Mobile Dental provided \$689,100 worth of dental services to 1,345 individuals.
- The program collects data on the number of older adults served, demographics, medical history, number of appointments, services provided, and program revenue and expenses. It also provides documentation to surveyors in Colorado.
- Senior Mobile Dental has received the Johnson & Johnson American Dental Hygiene Association Award of Distinction, the Colorado Dental Hygiene Association Outstanding Contribution, Crest Oral-B Pros in Profession, and the American Dental Association Evidence-Based Dentistry Conference Champion.
- Two communities in Colorado and Minnesota have successfully replicated Senior Mobile Dental.

*"We take each senior and care for them individually; person by person, we have been able to make a large impact throughout Colorado."*

*- Michelle Vacha, founder of Senior Mobile Dental.*

#### Program Contact Information

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#### Program Features

Note: A checked box below indicates an existing program feature.

#### Age

- 0-17 (Children and Youth)
- 18-60 (Adult)
- 60+ (Older Adult)

#### Specific Populations

- Homeless individuals
- Individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities
- Individuals with physical disabilities
- Individuals with specific or complex medical conditions
- Individuals with low income
- Individuals with no dental insurance
- Individuals with Medicaid
- Veterans
- Refugees/immigrants

#### Geography

- Rural
- Urban

#### Service Delivery Setting

- Hospital
- Dental school
- Community/safety net clinic
- Private dental office
- Long-term care facility
- Senior center/community center
- Private residence
- Fairgrounds/stadium/parking lot
- Church
- School
- Homeless shelter
- Public housing

#### Service Delivery Model

- Dental clinic model (e.g. permanent setting)
- Mobile-portable model
- Eligibility and enrollment model (e.g. referrals, care coordination)
- Virtual model (e.g. telehealth)
- Event-based model
- Outreach and education model

#### Staffing

- Dentist
- Dental hygienist
- Dental therapist
- Dental assistant
- Dental/dental hygiene students
- Nursing staff
- Community health workers
- Non-dental clinical staff
- Non-clinical staff

#### Payment for Care

- Medicaid
- No charge to client
- Sliding fee scale
- Out of pocket
- Commercial dental insurance

#### Program Funding

- Foundation/organization grant
- Public funding (e.g. local, state, federal)
- Private donations (e.g. individuals, businesses)

#### Dental and Oral Health Services

- Emergency services
- Basic services
  - Screenings
  - Cleanings
  - Fluoride varnish
  - Sealants
  - X-rays
- Comprehensive services
  - Fillings
  - Scaling/root planing
  - Extractions
  - Oral surgery
  - Root canals
  - Dentures, partials, relines, repairs
  - Crowns
  - Bridges
  - Orthodontics

#### Other Program Services

- Referrals to dental and oral health services
- Care coordination/care management
- Patient education
- Caregiver education
- Provider education
- Advocacy/coalition

#### Integration with Services

- Medical services
- Behavioral health services
- Vision services
- Pharmacy services
- Transportation services
- Translation services
- Nutrition services

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