



**COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
PRESCHOOL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
POLICY**

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**SUBJECT:**  
**ACCESS TO MEDICAL AND DENTAL HEALTH CARE**

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**PURPOSE:**

To work with collaboratively with all participating parents to identify and continually access medical and dental homes.

**POLICY:**

Grantee and delegate agencies must ensure that with in 90 days of enrollment into the program, Pregnant Women, Infants, and Children have access to on-going source of medical and dental homes. Program activities will also encourage parents to become active partners in their children's medical and dental health care processes and to accompany their child to medical and dental examinations and appointments.

**REFERENCE:**

Head Start Performance Standards 1304.40 (b)(1)(ii)(iii)

**PROCEDURE:**

1. The Generalist will identify family health care needs through FSA, Medical History Profile (MHP), Early Health History, Dental Records, Physicals and Family interviews.
2. The Generalist upon acceptance of entry into the program will provide parent with a resource letter of how to access Medical and Dental Homes.
3. The Generalist will work with the Community Partners, Health Education Specialists And health Advisory Board to assist parents in learning more about:
  - Health Care enrollment process
  - Health Care options
  - Parent's role in their child's Medical and Dental examination and appointments
  - Preventive Medical and Dental Health

The Generalist will:

- Notify parents by flyers, phone calls, face to face contact, etc..
- Document all information provided to parents in COPA
- Connect parents with Community Partners, Local Clinics, and Public Health.

➤ Support Staff will refer families with health needs to the Health Education Specialists.