

### MDHHS-6067, KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) (New 8-23)

SECTION 1 - STUDENT INFORMA	ATION	
Child's Name (Last, First, Middle)		Date of Birth
Address (Number, Street, City, Zip Code)		Home/Cell Phone Number
Parent/Guardian Name (Last, First, Middle)		Parent/Guardian Email
School Name		
SECTION 2 – DENTAL EXAM OR (Licensed dental professional mu		
Date of Service		Type of Service  Dental Exam  Dental Assessment
Findings (Check all that apply)  No findings Treated decay Untreated decay		Recommendations (Check <b>one</b> )  Routine care Referral for dental treatment Referral for urgent dental care
Provider Type (Check <b>one</b> )	☐ Dentist	☐ Dental Therapist ☐ Dental Hygienist
Provider Signature		Agency/Local Health Department
Provider Name (Print)		Phone Number
Additional Comments		
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## Have You Heard?

Michigan passed a law to give children the opportunity to receive a dental screening before they enter kindergarten.

A healthy mouth is important.

Dental problems can prevent children from doing well in school. Children should have a dental screening before starting school so that any problems can be fixed and they start school ready to learn.



Cavities are common. Tooth decay (cavities) is the most common chronic disease in children.



Cavities can cause pain. Pain can make it hard for children to pay attention in school, prevent them from eating well, and keep them awake at night. All of this can all affect their ability to learn.



Dental problems affect attendance and grades. Children with dental problems miss more school than children with good dental health.

# Facts About Kindergarten Dental Screening

- It's easy to get your child screened. The school should give you a screening form to take to your dentist or the local health department to get the screening done. If the school has a registration event, you may be able to have the screening done there.
- Screening is free. There is no cost if the local health department does the screening.

  Check with the school to see if it will have a registration event and if dental staff from the health department will be there or call the health department to check when and where they are screening.
- Screening is simple and fast. A dental provider will look into your child's open mouth and note what they see on the screening form. They will give you a copy of the competed form with results, and they will let you know if your child needs to see a dentist.
- Help is available. The local health department can help you find a dentist if you don't have one. Your child may be able to enroll in the Michigan Healthy Kids Dental Program if they don't have insurance. For information about Healthy Kids Dental, visit: www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/healthcare/childrenteens/hkdental

## **Common Questions**

### How will my child benefit from having a dental screening?

Dental problems can cause pain and make it difficult for children pay attention in school, prevent them from eating and sleeping well, and can even affect their ability to speak. All of this can affect a child's ability to learn and do well in school. Children benefit from having a dental screening before starting school to check for any dental problems that need to be fixed so that your child starts school ready to learn.

#### How can I get the screening done?

The school should give you a screening form. You can take this form to your dentist to get the screening done. The local health department can also do the screening. **The screening is free if it's done by the local health department**. Check with the school to see if it will have a registration event and if dental staff from the health department will be there or check with the health department for their screening schedule. <a href="https://app.squarespacescheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=23321308">https://app.squarespacescheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=23321308</a>

### Do my older children need a screening too?

The dental screening law is only for children entering kindergarten, but it is highly recommended that all children see a dentist at least once a year.

#### What if I don't have a dentist or I can't afford one?

The local health department can provide you with a list of dental providers in your area. Check the Michigan Oral Health Directory for a list of low- and no-cost dental providers by county: <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/childrenfamilies/familyhealth/oralhealth">https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/childrenfamilies/familyhealth/oralhealth</a>. If your child does not have dental insurance, they may be eligible for the Michigan Healthy Kids Dental Program: <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/healthcare/childrenteens/hkdental">https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/healthcare/childrenteens/hkdental</a>





# Protecting your child's priceless smile.

Besides brushing twice a day, seeing a dentist twice a year can help keep your child's mouth healthy and their teeth cavity-free.

Kids should see a dentist when their first tooth appears, or no later than their first birthday.

The next time you call to make an appointment, tell them you have Healthy Kids Dental.





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Healthy Kids Dental: the right choice for bright smiles.

# What is Healthy Kids Dental?

The Healthy Kids Dental program (HKD) helps children with Medicaid have healthy, happy smiles at NO cost to you.

## Is my child eligible?

HKD coverage is as wide as your child's grin. If your children have Medicaid and are under the age of 21, they have Healthy Kids Dental.

# Does my dentist accept HKD?

Finding dental care is easy with HKD, because 8 out of 10 Michigan dentists accept it. So if you have HKD, make sure you use your benefit.



### Healthy smile, healthy child.

Maintaining a healthy mouth is smart. Kids may miss less school, make friends more easily, speak more clearly and learn better in class when they have healthy teeth and mouths.

When children see HKD dentists, they have access to covered services like:

- Oral exams
- Teeth cleanings
- Fluoride treatments
- X-rays
- Screenings and assessments
- Fillings
- Sealants
- Stainless steel or resin crowns
- Crown buildup, including pins
- Space maintainers
- Re-cementing of crowns, bridges and space maintainers
- Root canals
- Extractions
- Complete, partial and temporary partial dentures
- Denture adjustments and repairs
- Denture rebases and relines
- Emergency treatment to reduce pain
- IV sedation (when needed)



# Finding an HKD dentist is EASY.

To find a dentist near you, visit **HealthyKidsDental.org**.

To receive services at no cost to you, your child must see an HKD dentist. You may switch to another HKD dentist at any time. If you see a dentist who doesn't accept HKD, you may have to pay for provided services.